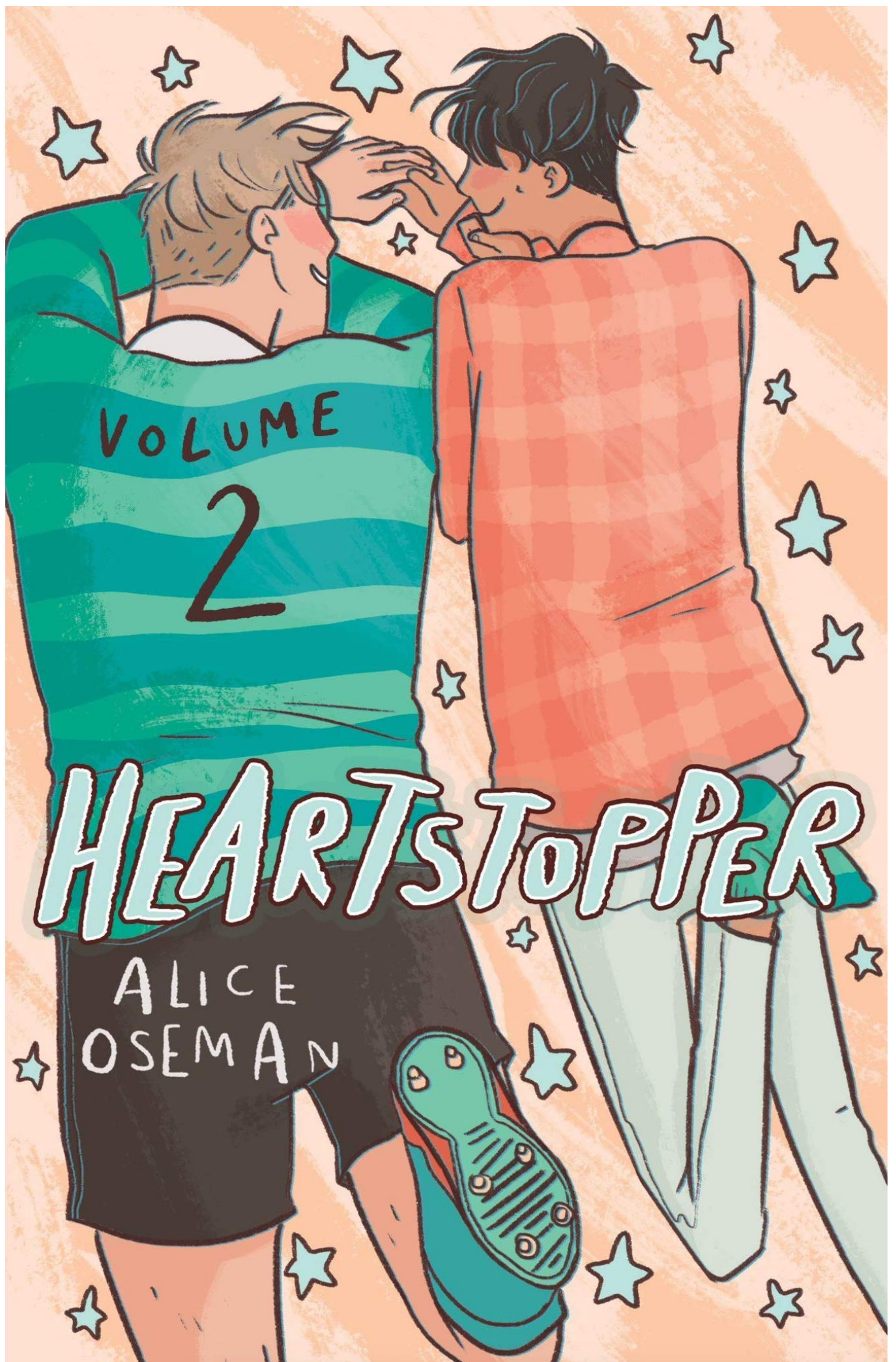








3. KISS

LATER THAT NIGHT...



sniff





ugh...
Sniff



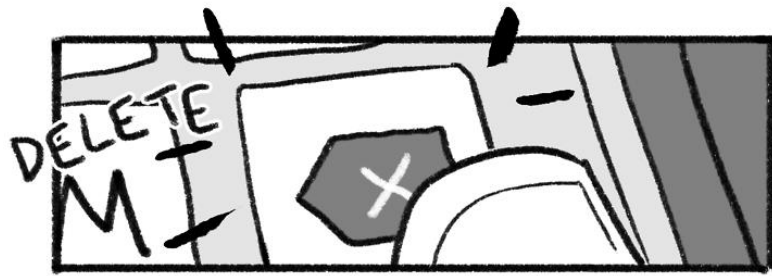




fuck







THE NEXT MORNING

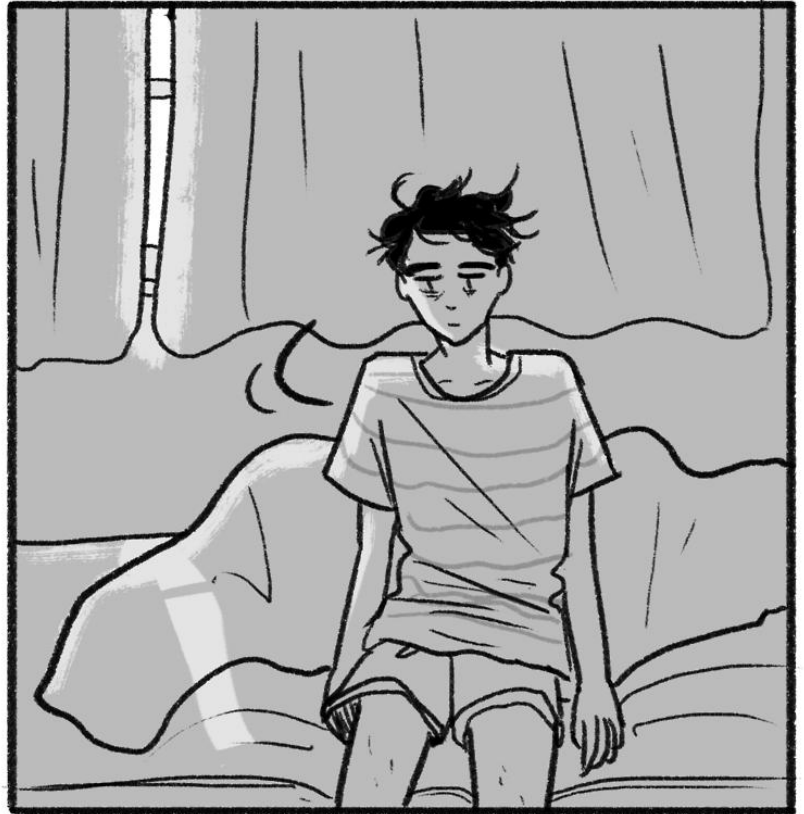
< 2
HOURS
OF
SLEEP

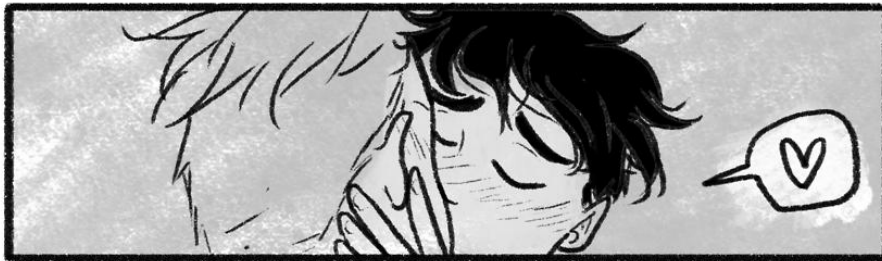


NO
NEW
MESSAGES

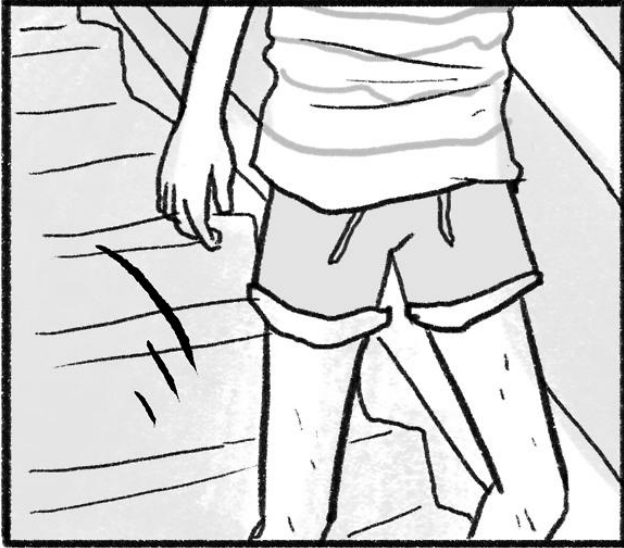


Sigh





! DING DONG !



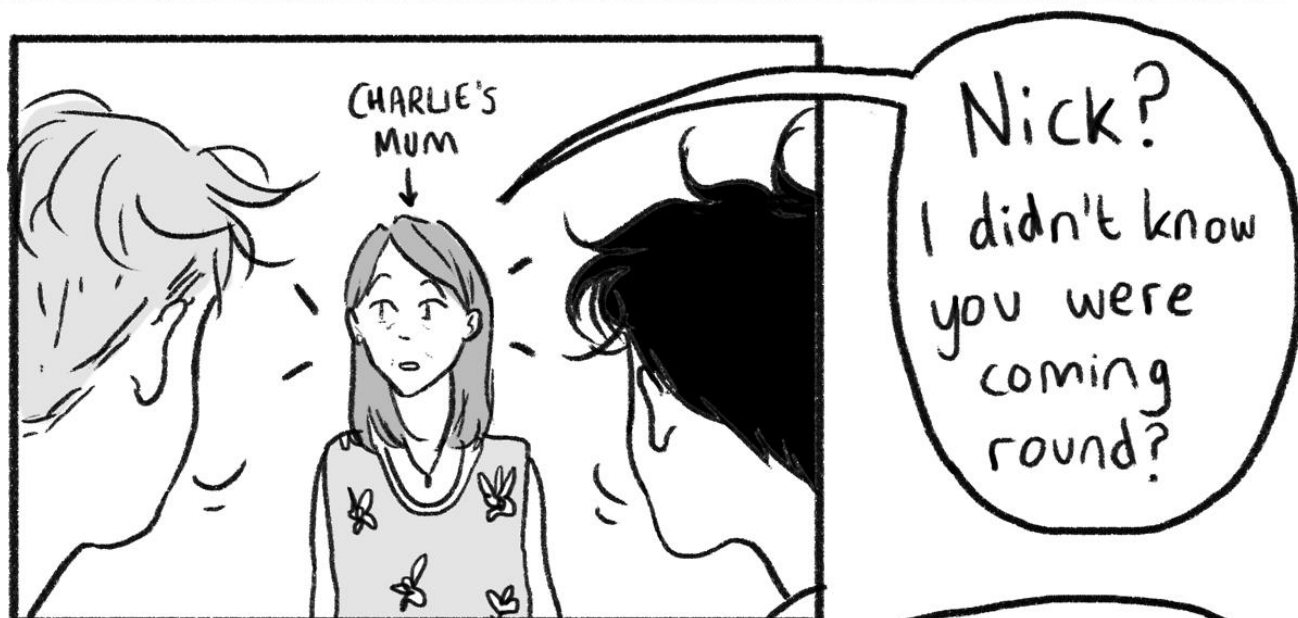


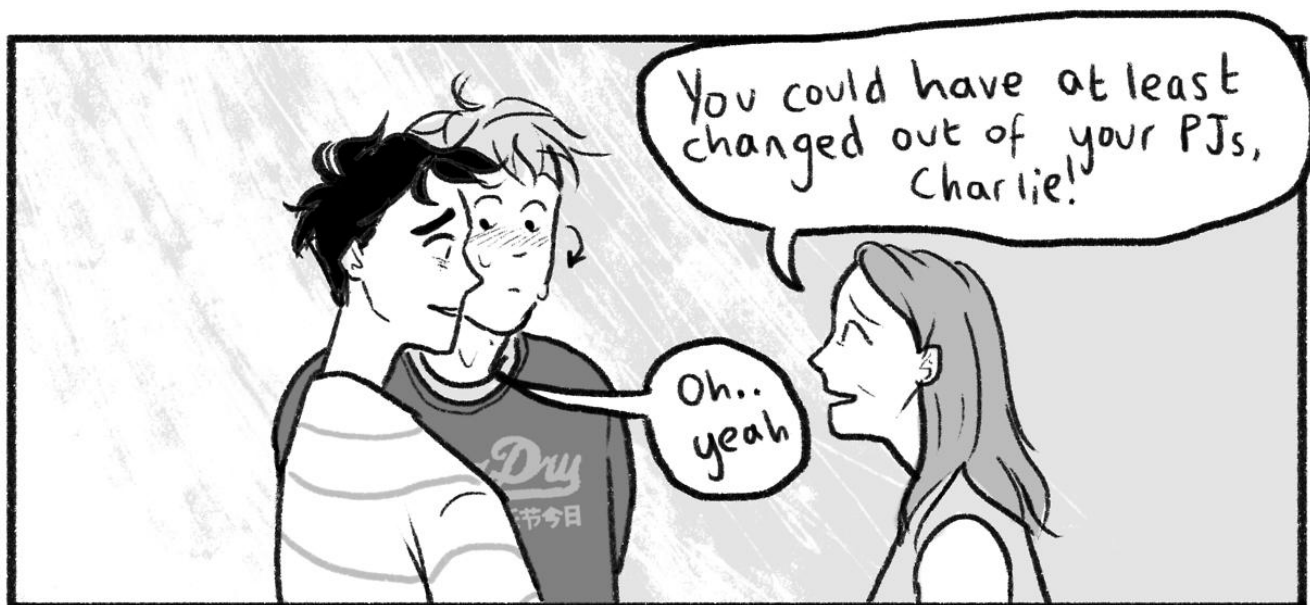




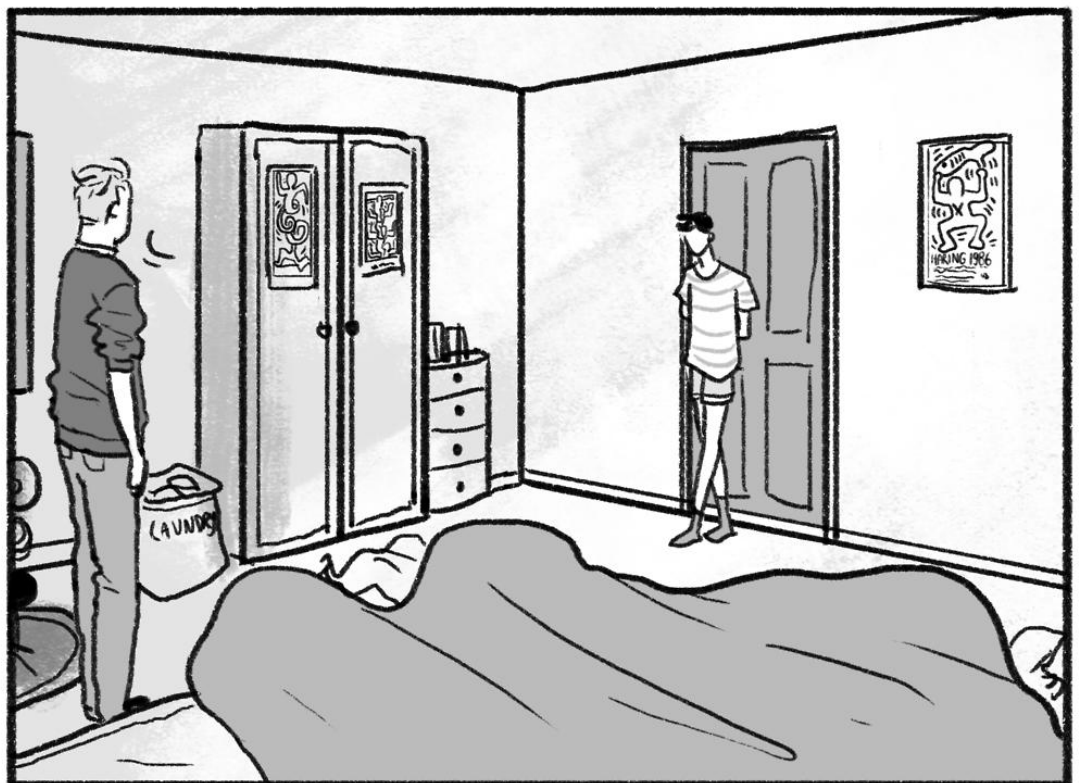
just- just
come in



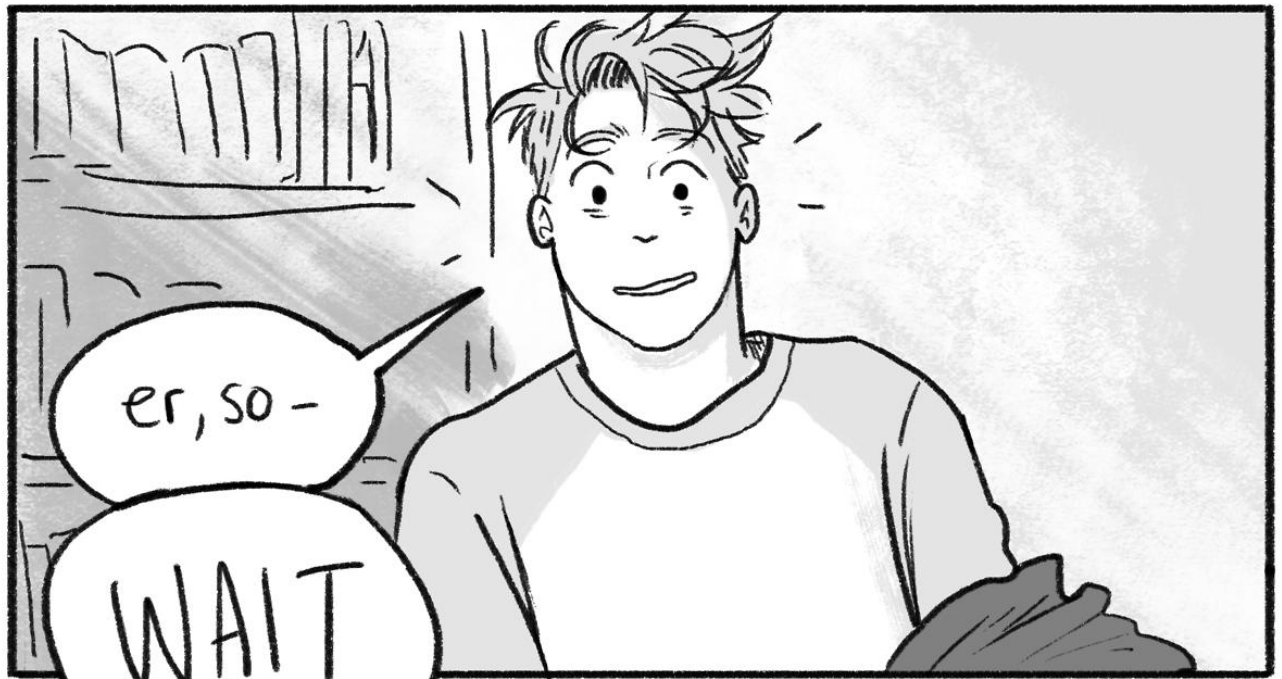




* deep
breath *







WAIT

Can I speak first?

I'm just



SO SORRY

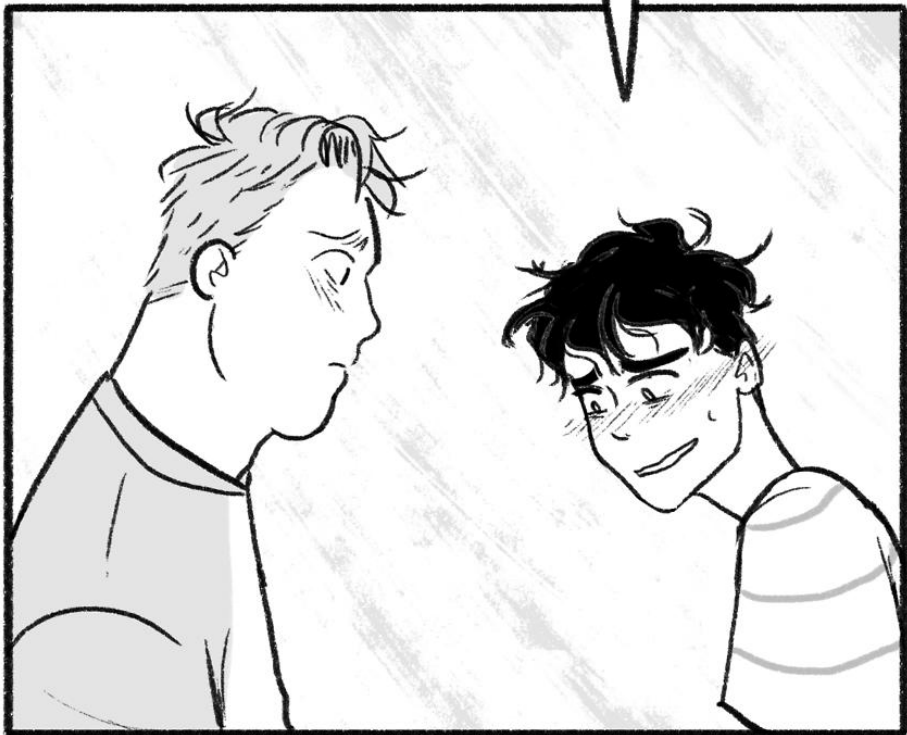








but I had to at least say sorry



a-and see
if maybe-

Charlie-

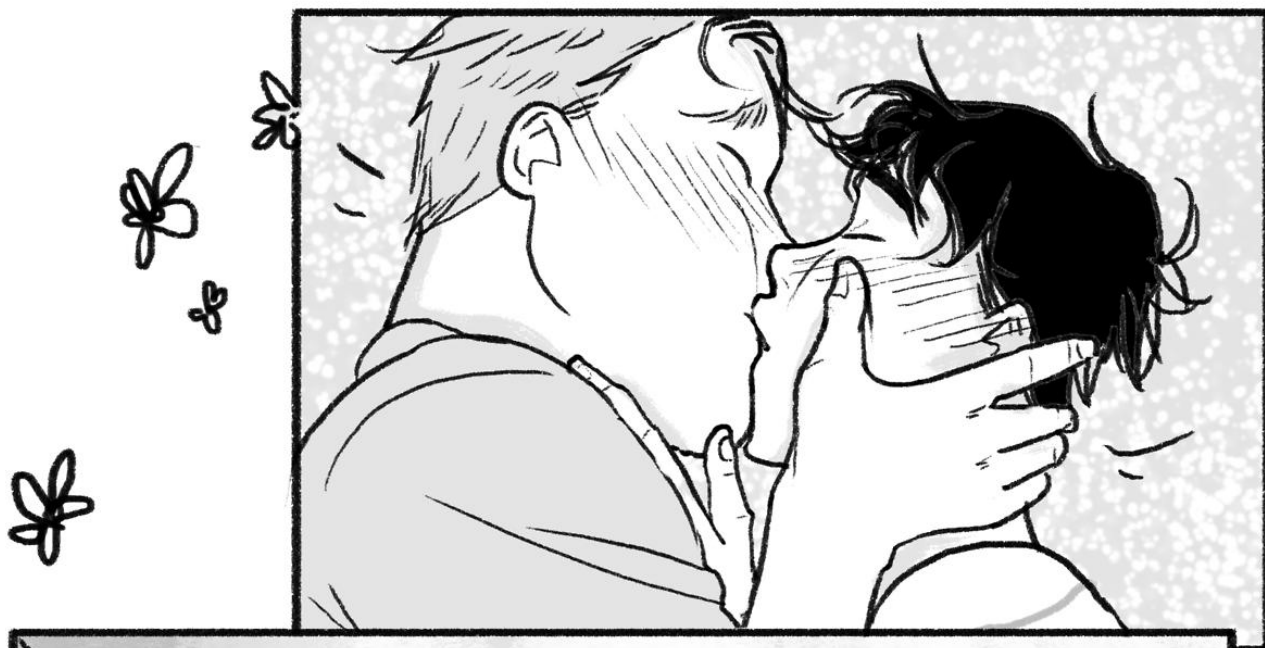
-there's a
chance
we could
still be
friends





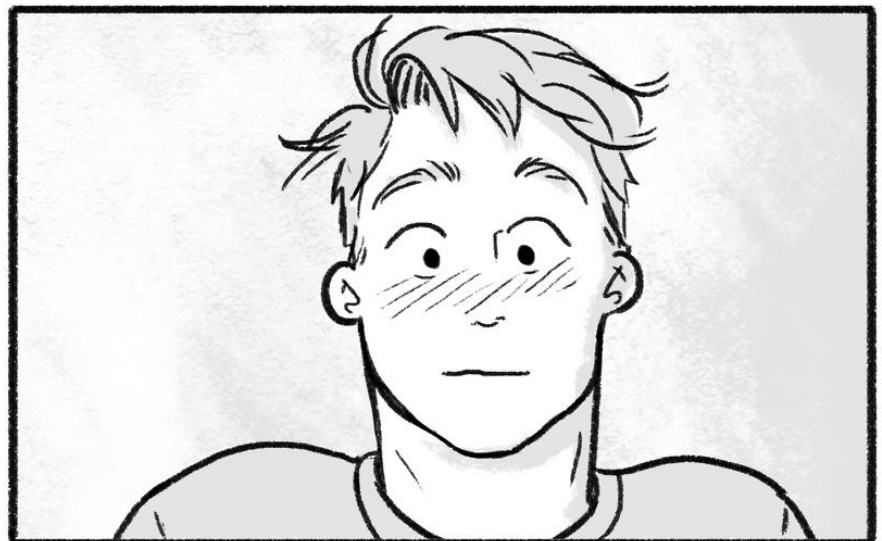




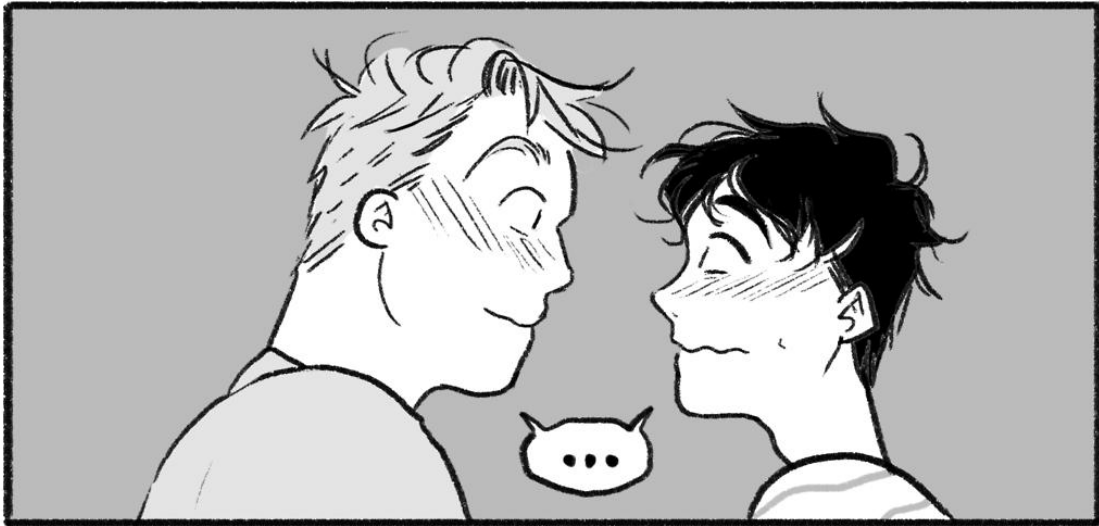


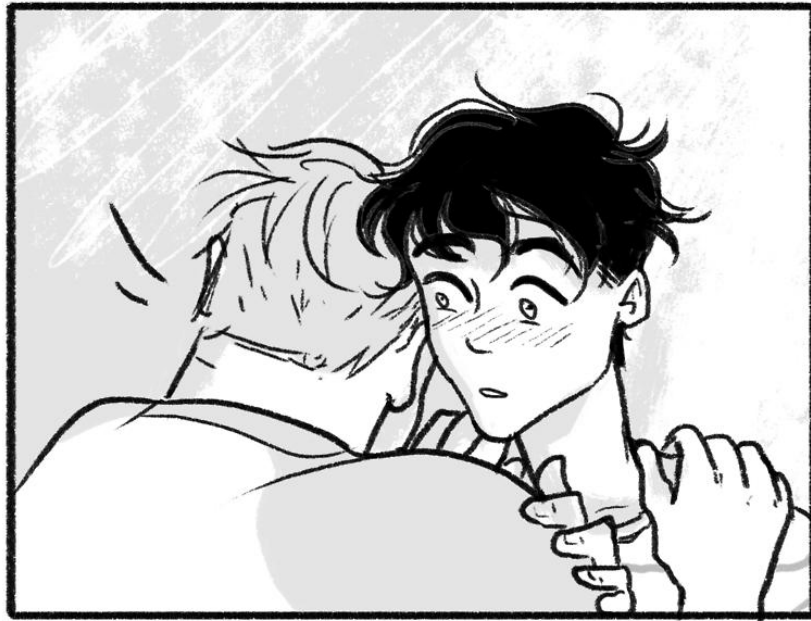


* exhale *











I'm just...



like honestly
I am having
a proper
full-on
GAY CRISIS



It's not
that I
didn't
want to..

you know...



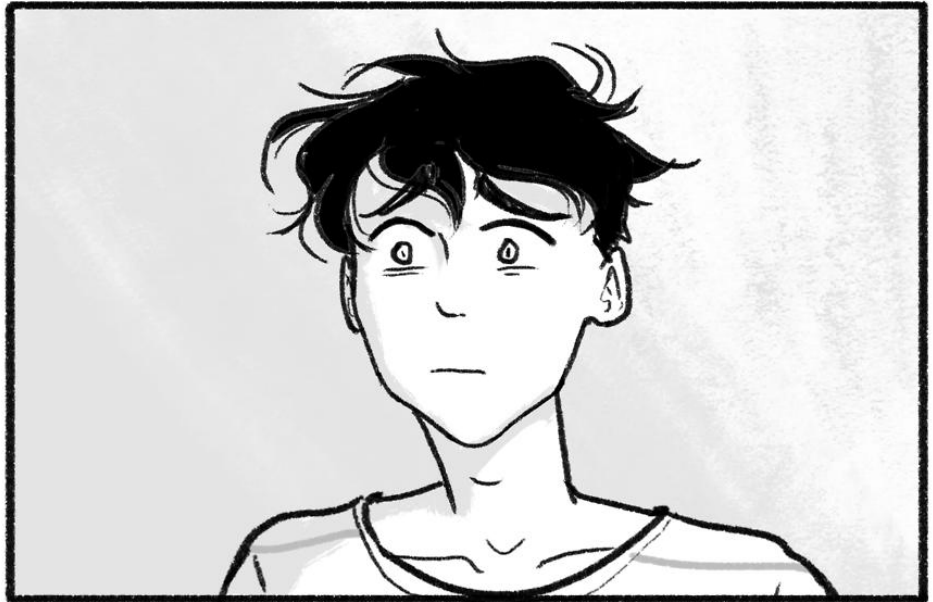


I was just
so confused..



I've just
been
so, so
confused..

A-and I
didn't
expect
that to
happen
yesterday



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It's not
like I
didn't
WANT to
but I

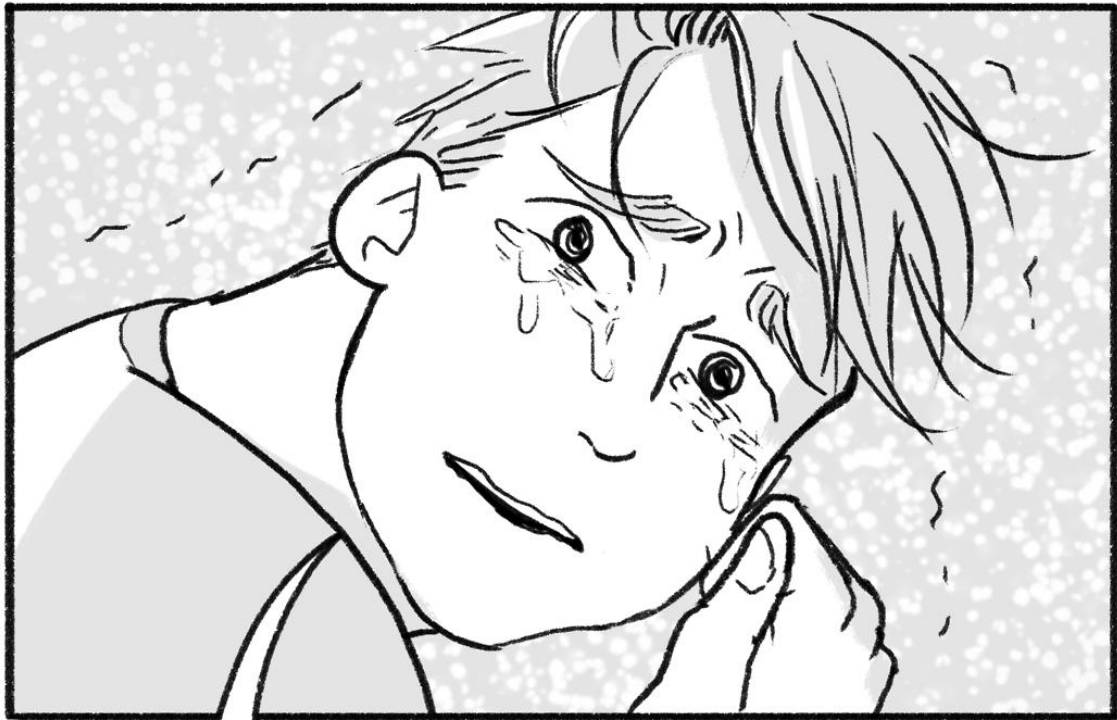
hadn't really
psyched myself up and
then bloody Sai turns
up and I
wanted to
stay with
you,
but..
b-but...



but I didn't want
other people to- to
see us doing that

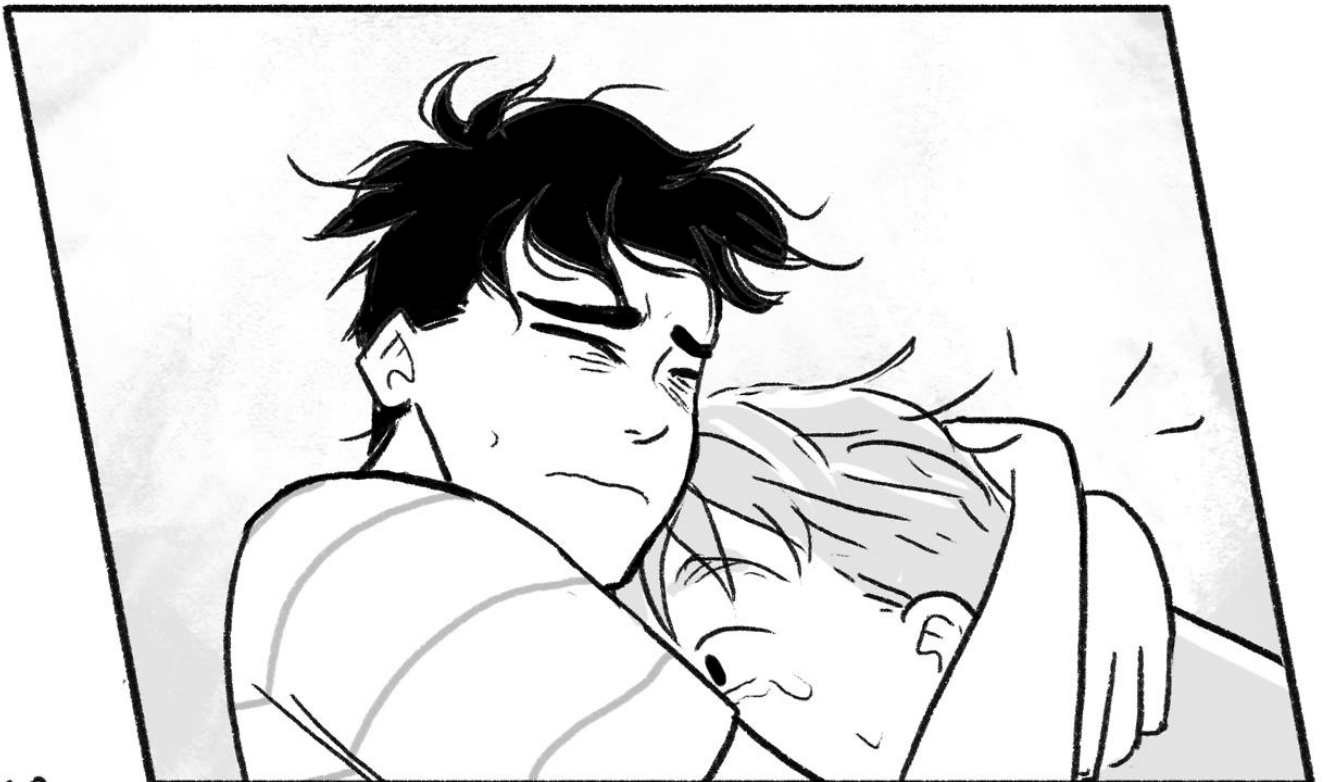


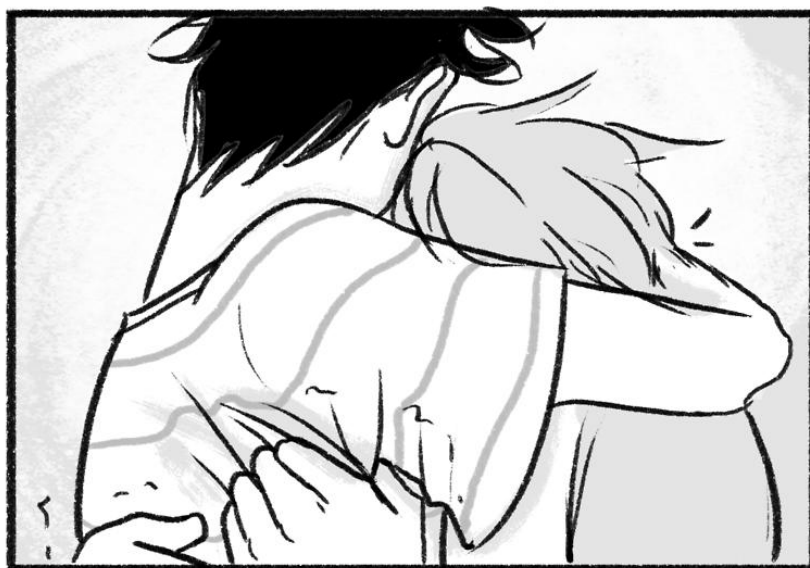
I mean, I'm not
ashamed, I'm just..
it was just...



I j-just need some
time to figure this out







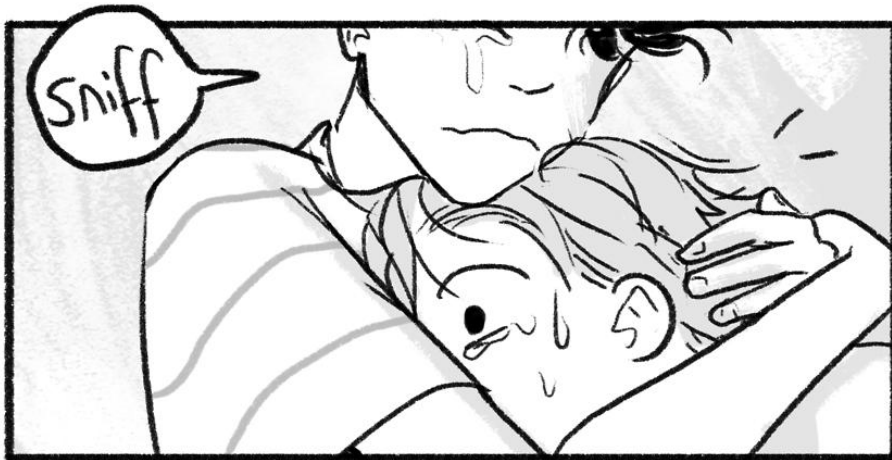
I'm
sorry

It's
okay



It's
okay

- PLIP -



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You haven't
messed
it up

And I'm
really
happy



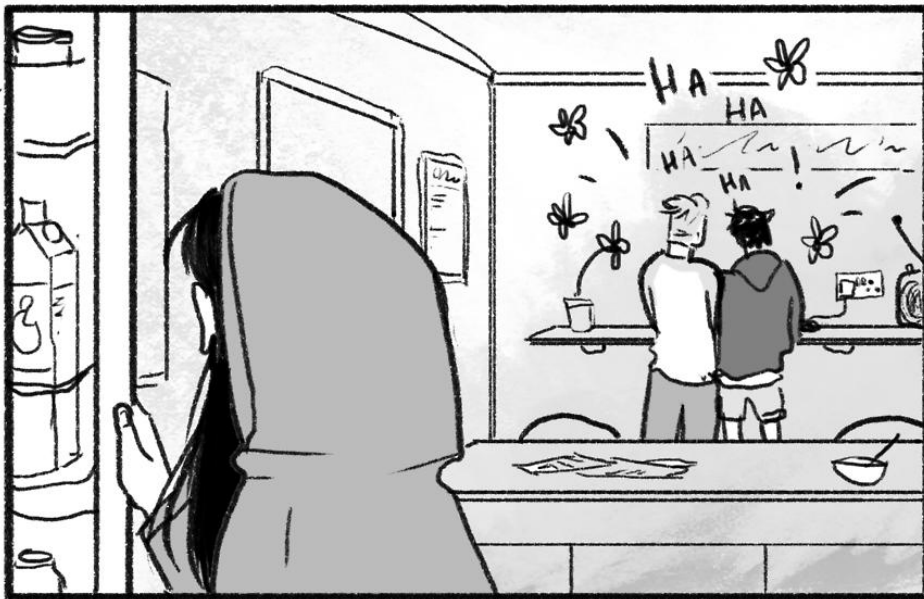


Do you want
a cup of tea?

Yes please











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I guess I've
always been
sort of aware
of it...



even when
I was really
young...



From my
fictional
crushes



to my
real
ones



I suppose I
didn't understand
it at the
time, but...

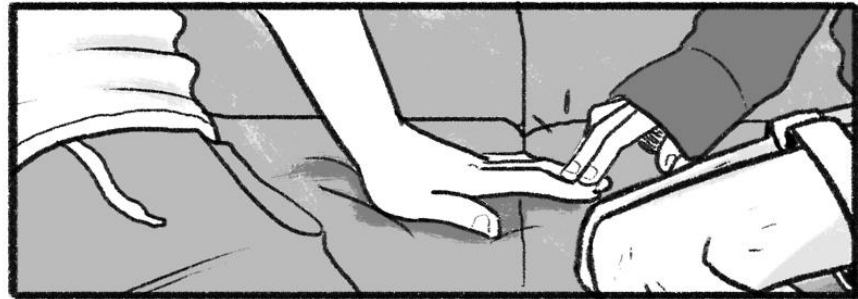
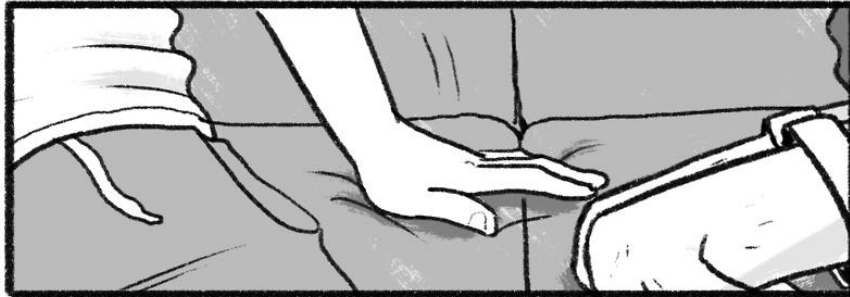


It's always
been
boys





I... don't know what I am...

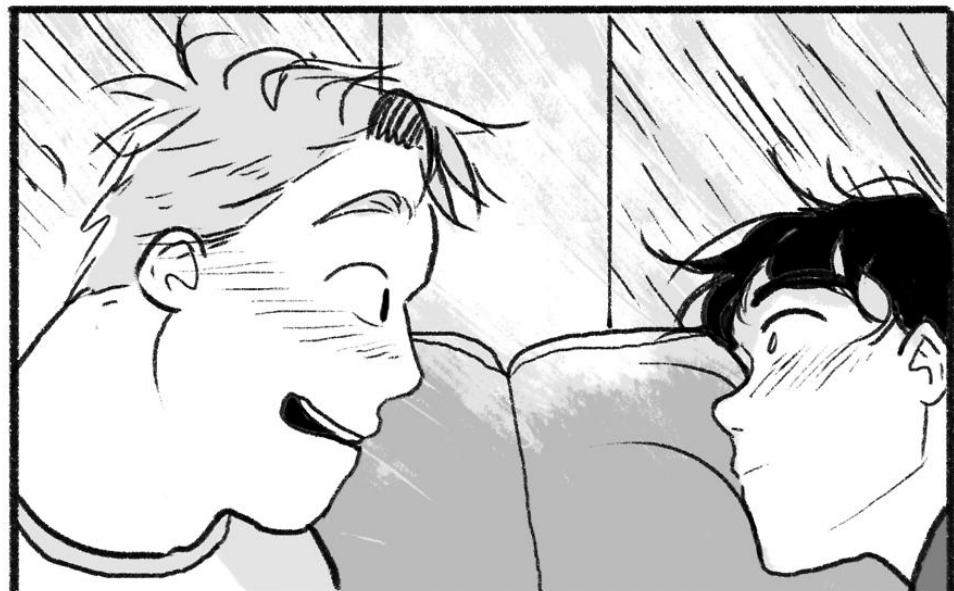


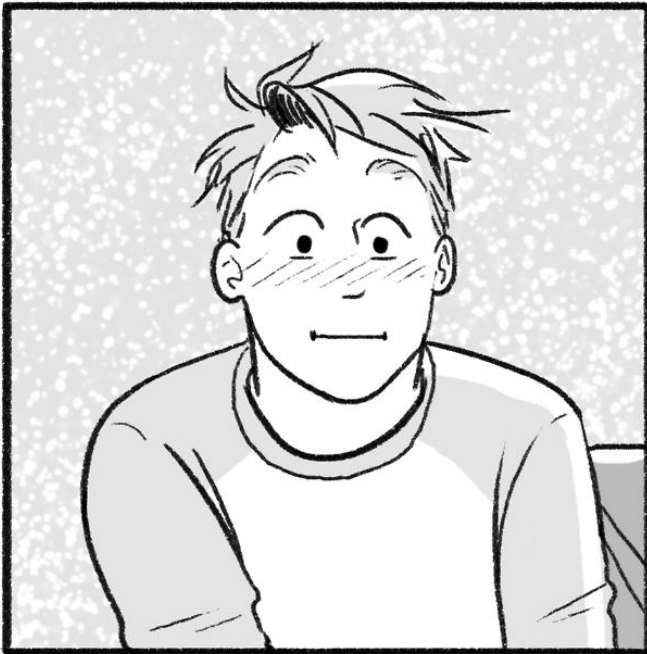
I've liked girls before ...

but now...



I like you





I'm an idiot



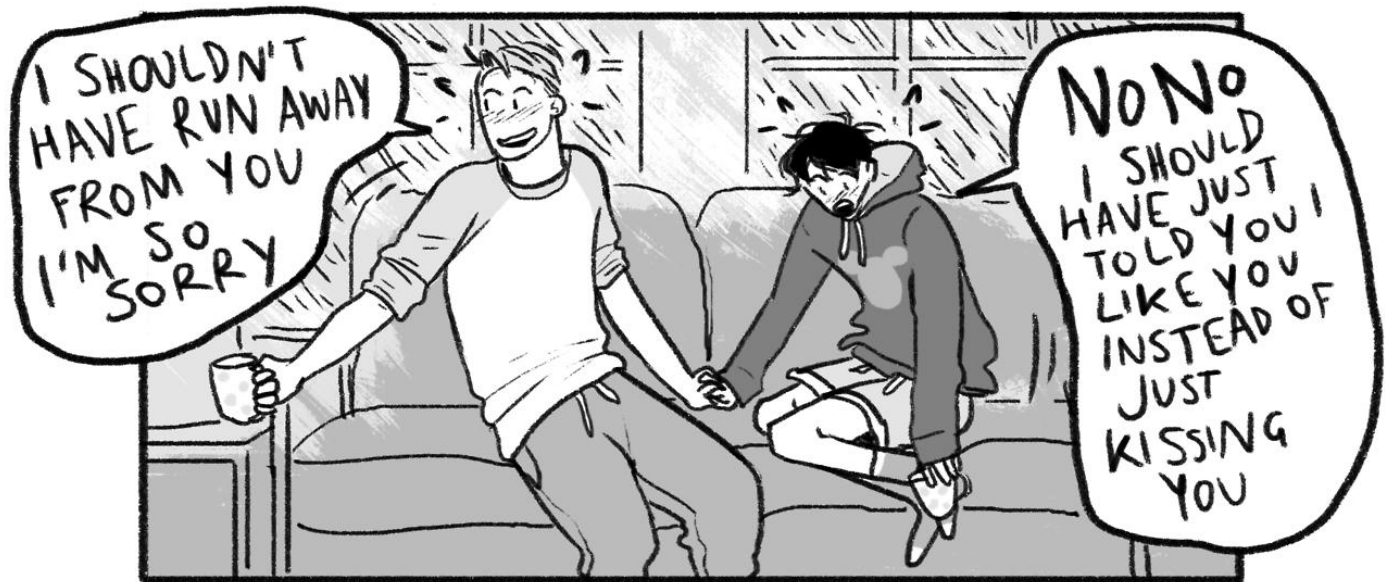


I thought... I just really liked you as a friend... a best friend... because, like, I want to hang out with you all the time and I just love everything about you...

but I kept wanting to... I don't know... hug you and hold your hand

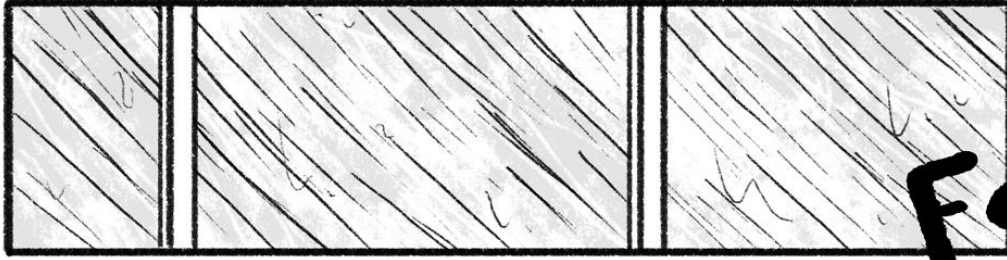


and then yesterday, when you suggested it, I - I really wanted to kiss you



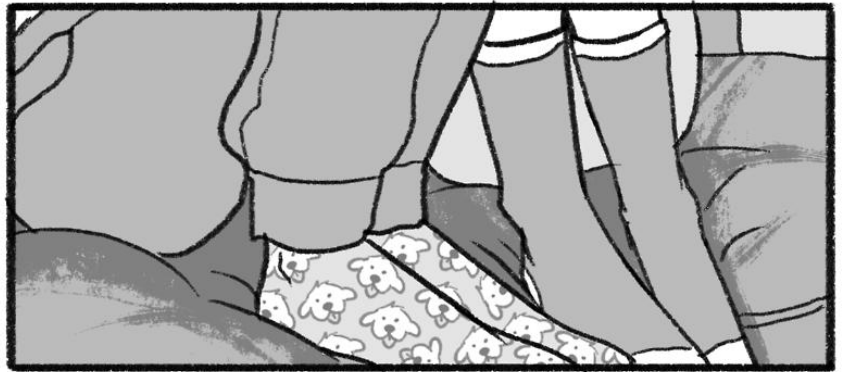
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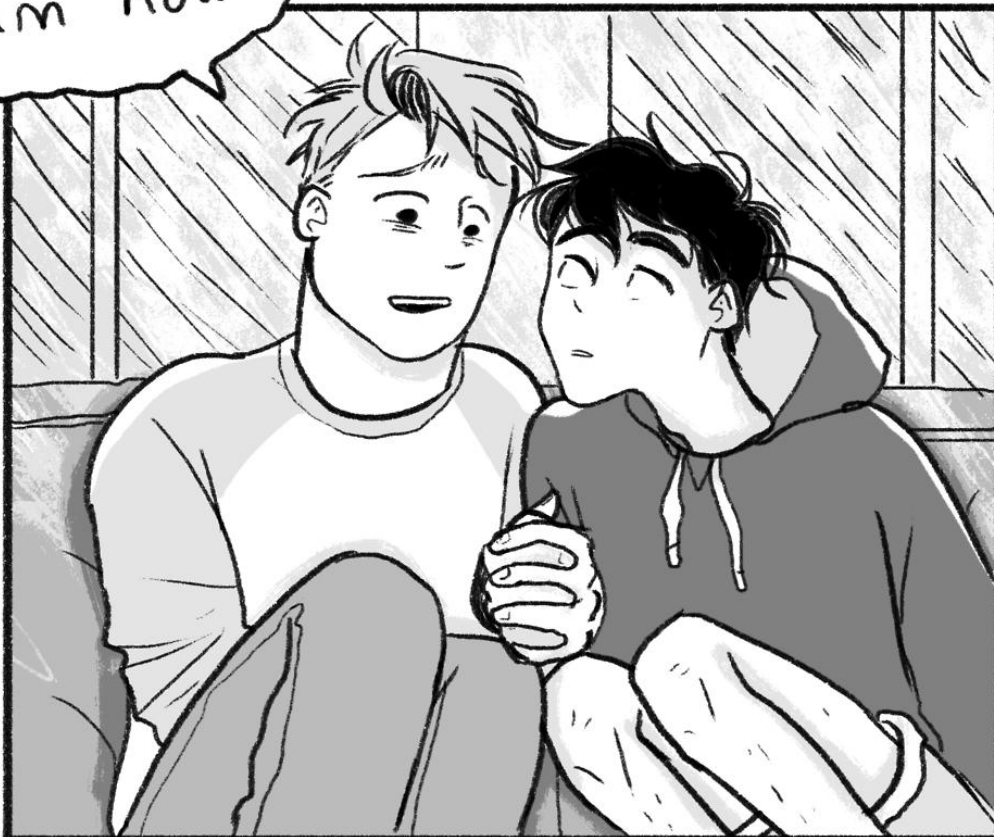


FSSSSH

I would have said something sooner, but I convinced myself you were straight.



I don't know what I am now





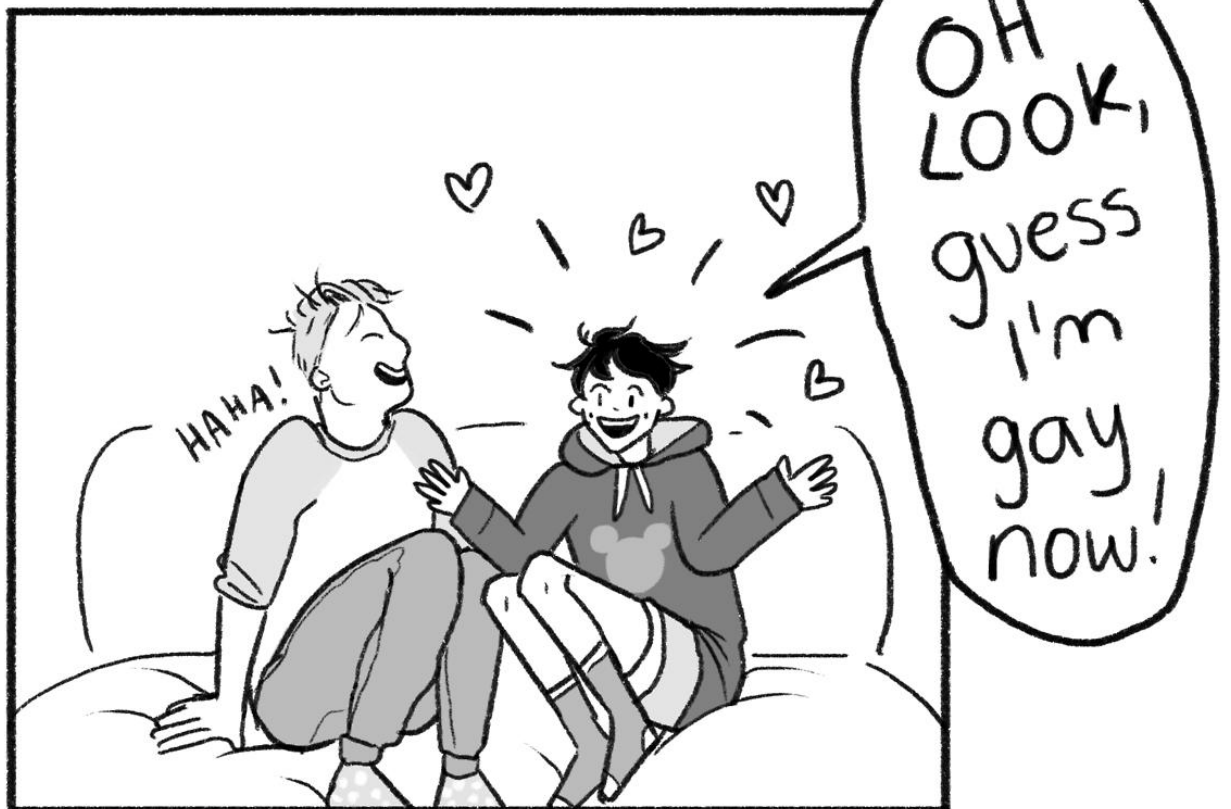
Well...
you could
be

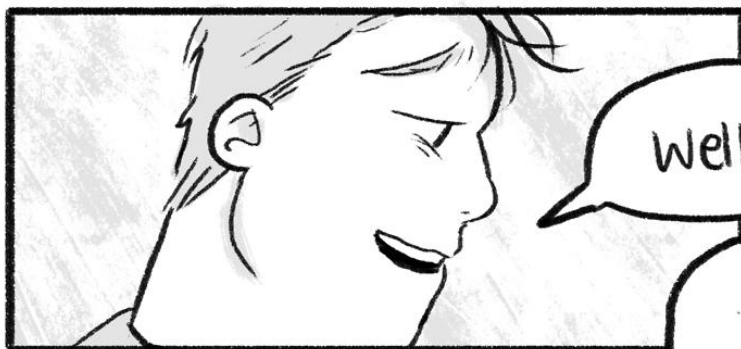
bisexual?

o-or
something
else! There
are lots
of other
sexualities
other than
gay and
straight!



bisexual...





Well...

Sorry for being
all confused



Now look
who's saying
sorry too
much!





What do I
do now?



You
don't
have
to do
anything

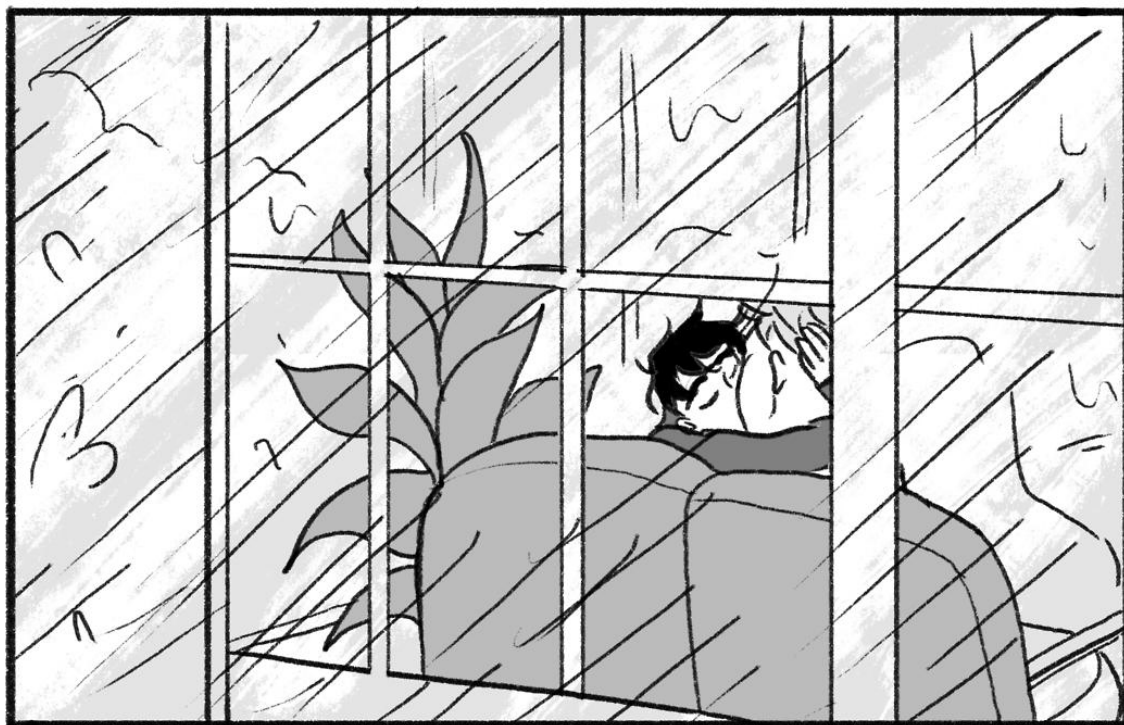


But
I want
to





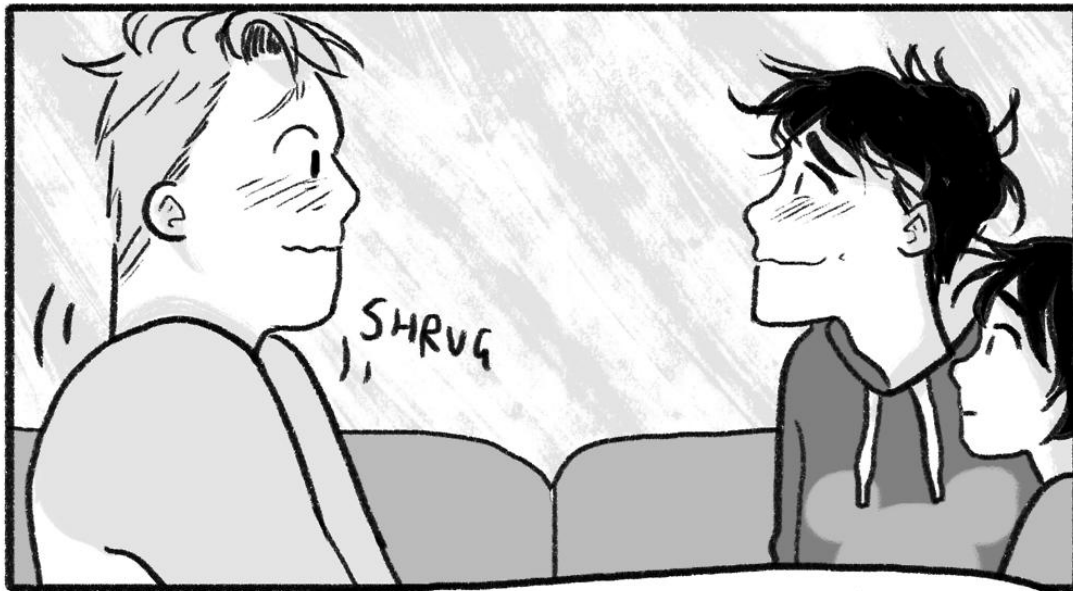










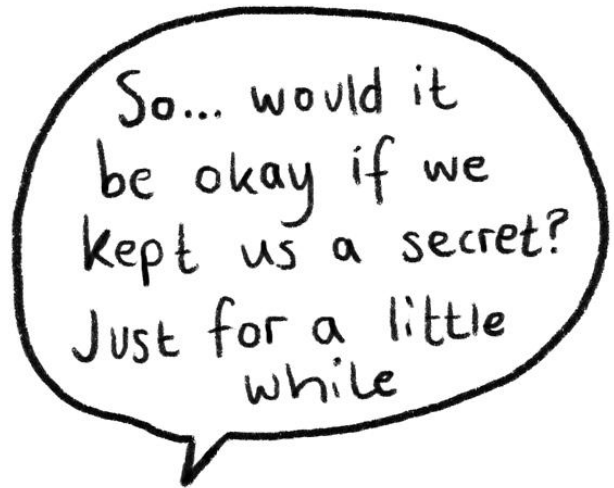


You've got to keep it a secret, okay? It can be a secret between us three!

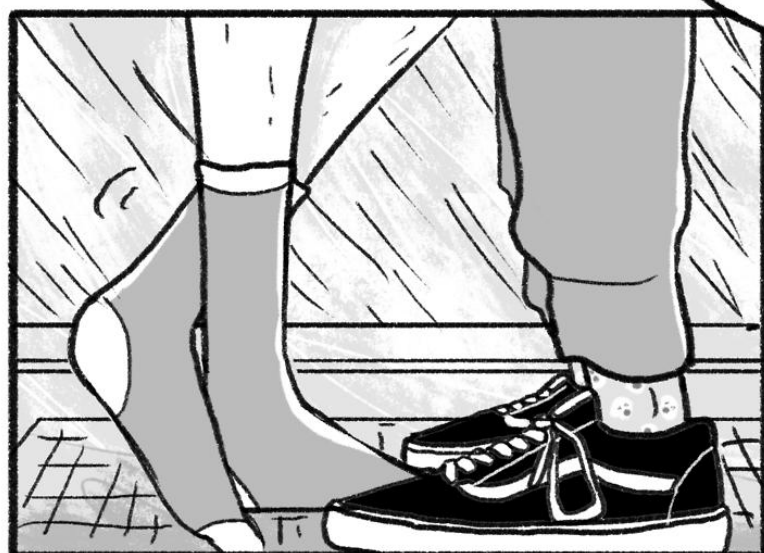


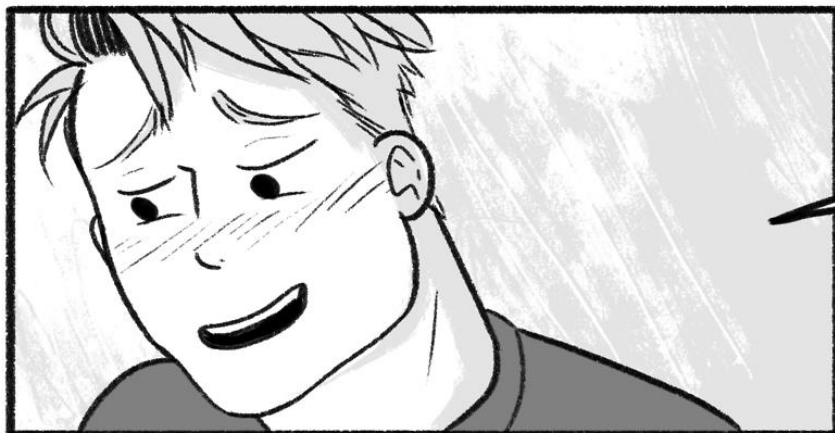
And mum said we're leaving to go to Grandma's in five minutes









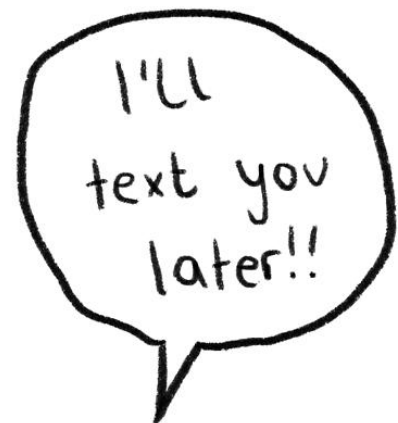


You
always...



You always
look really
cute



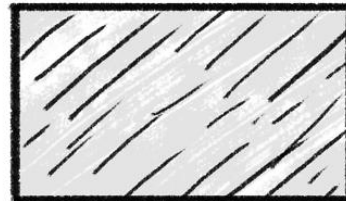


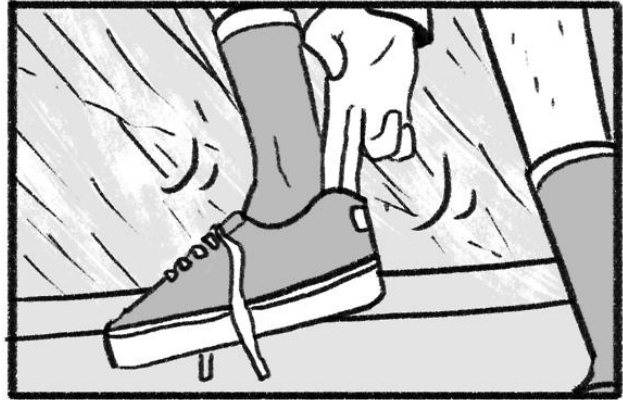


PATTER



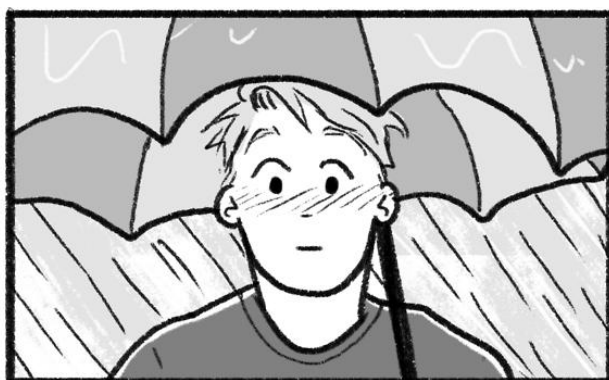
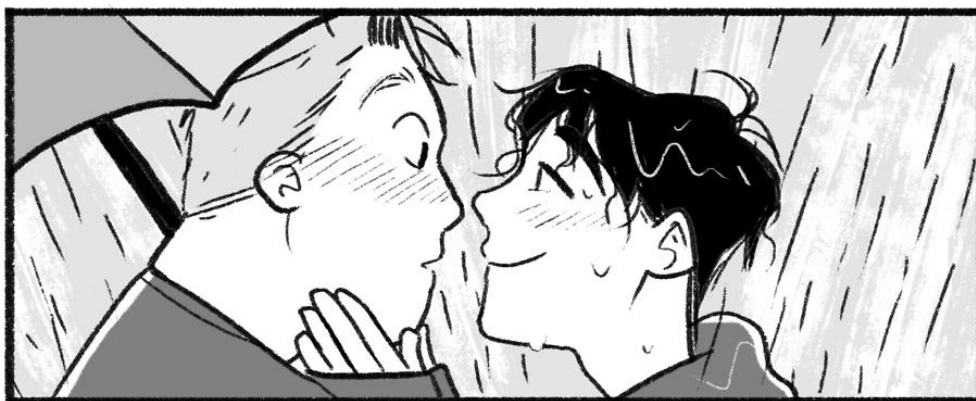
PATTER

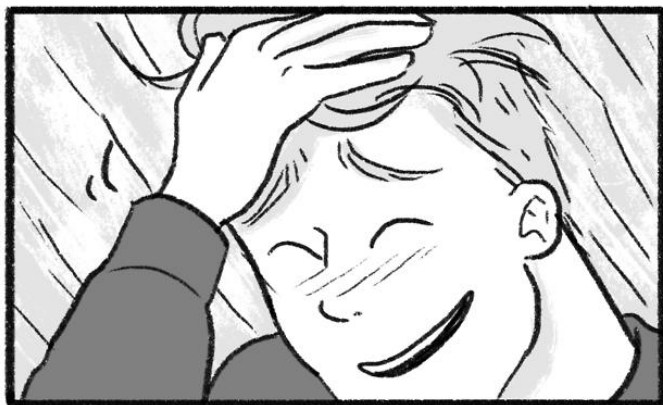










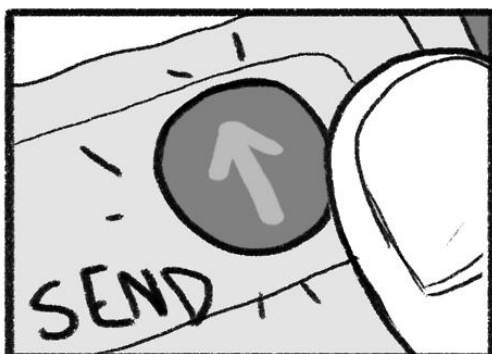


TAP
TAP
TAP

LATER...









TAP

TAP

TAP
TAP



alksjdfhajhdsf

i just died

you can't just send
me that without
warning!!!!!!



HA

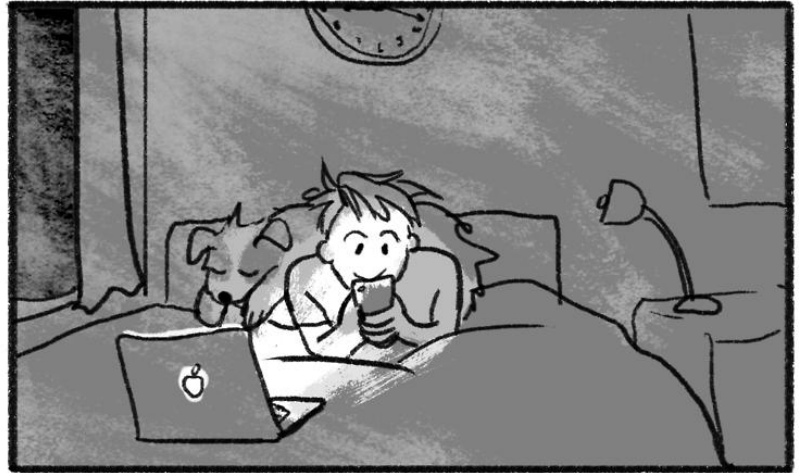
HA

HA



yeah you know i'm
only getting with you
so i can see Nellie
right

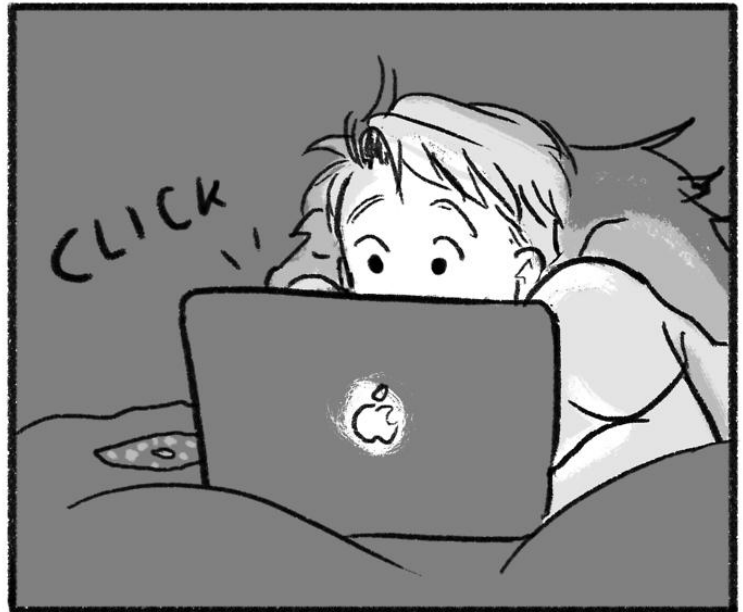
I KNEW IT



Who are you
texting?



NO
ONE





MONDAY

hi

hi





TUESDAY



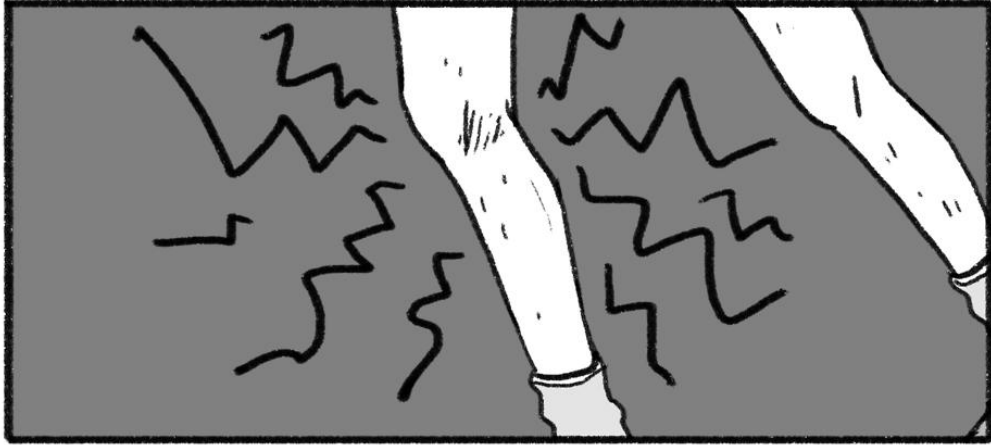
It's worse
than I thought.
He still hasn't
given up on
Nick
Nelson.



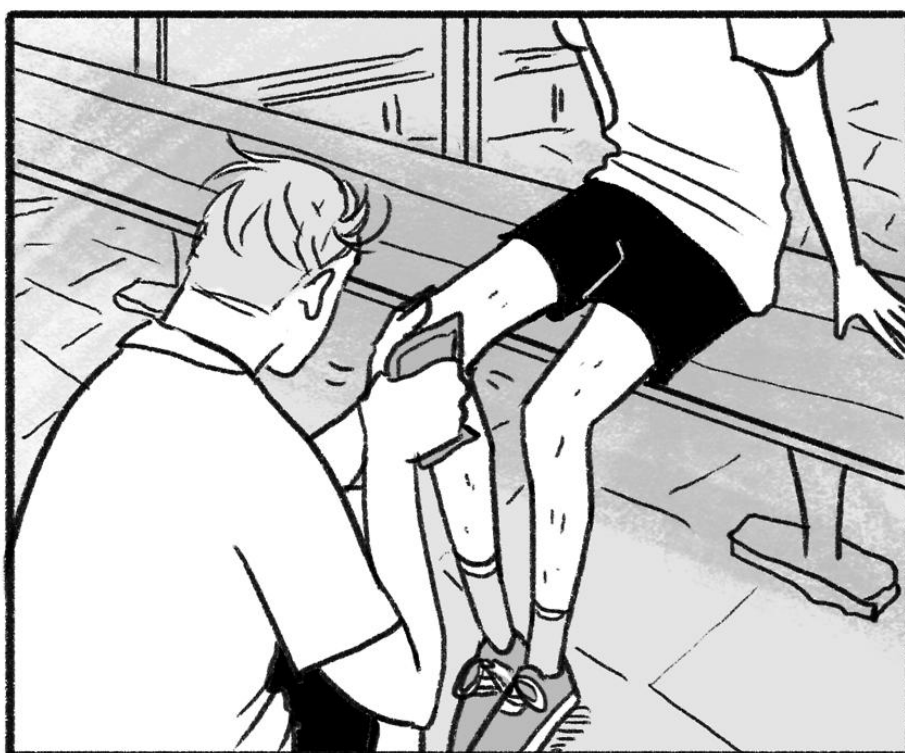
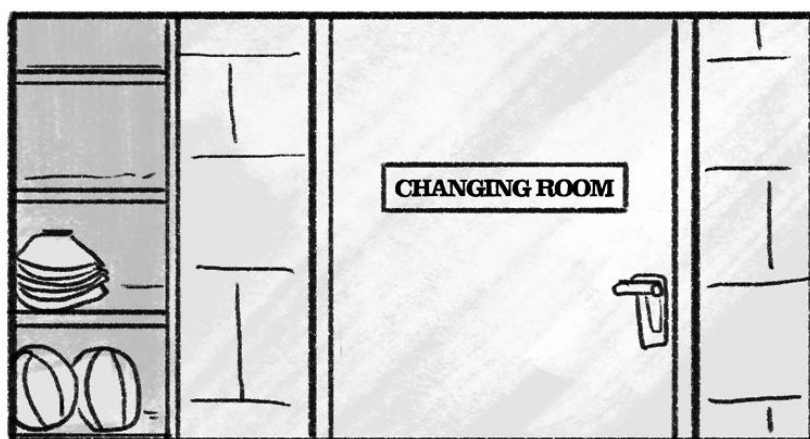
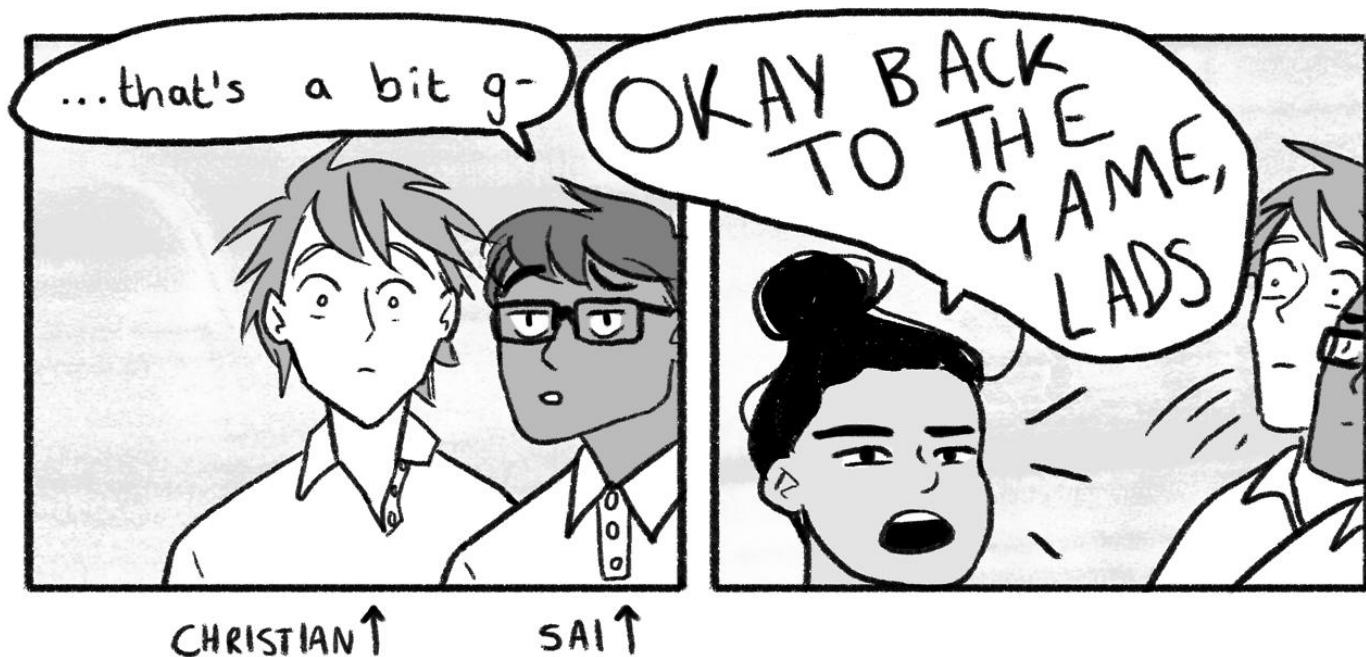
WEDNESDAY



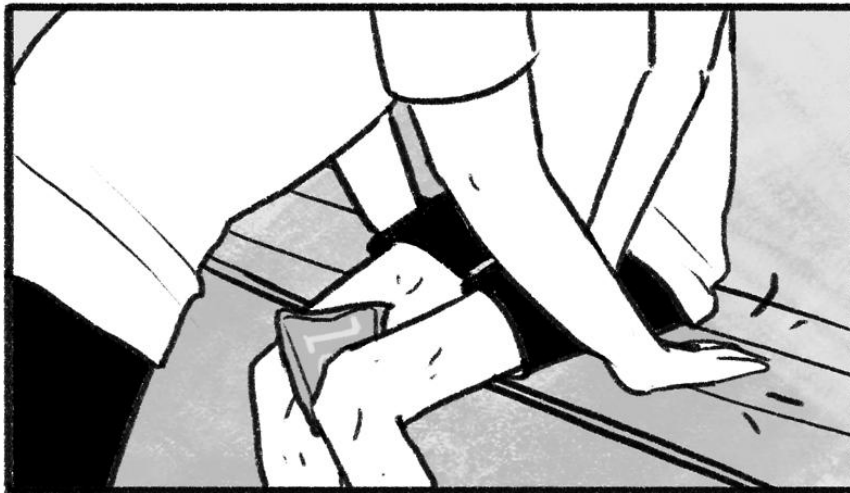


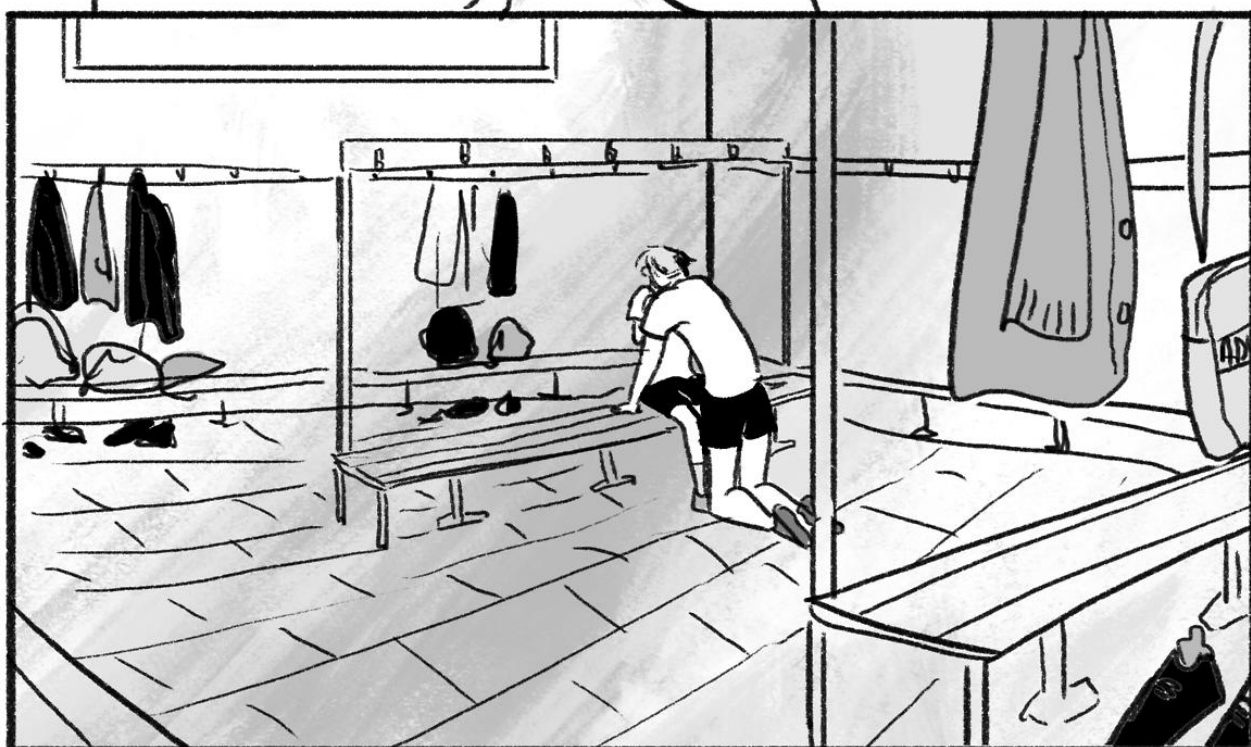


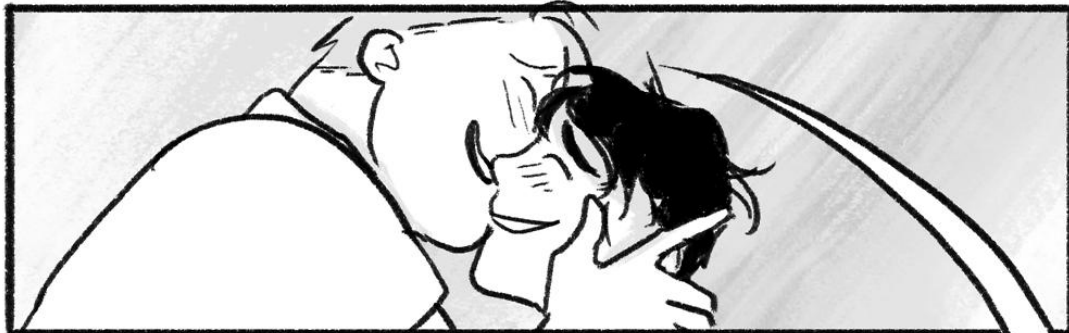














THURSDAY



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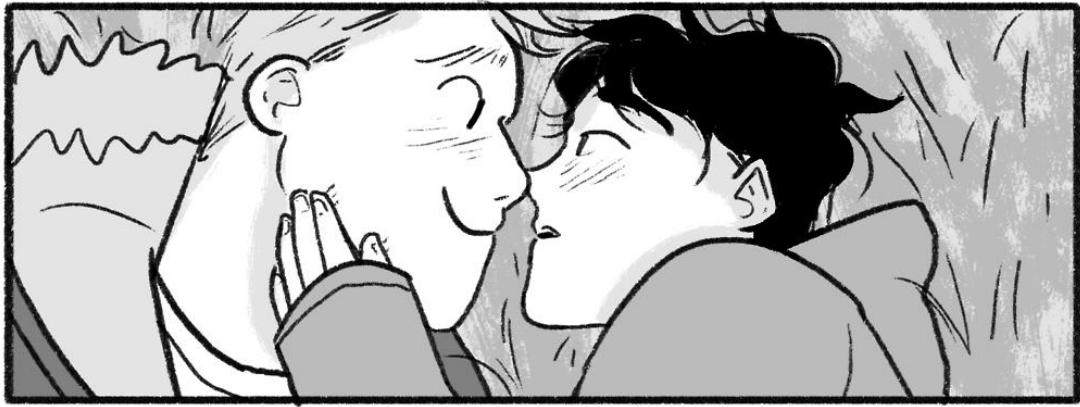
I've been
reading about
it all week
and..

.. I think
that
might
be me



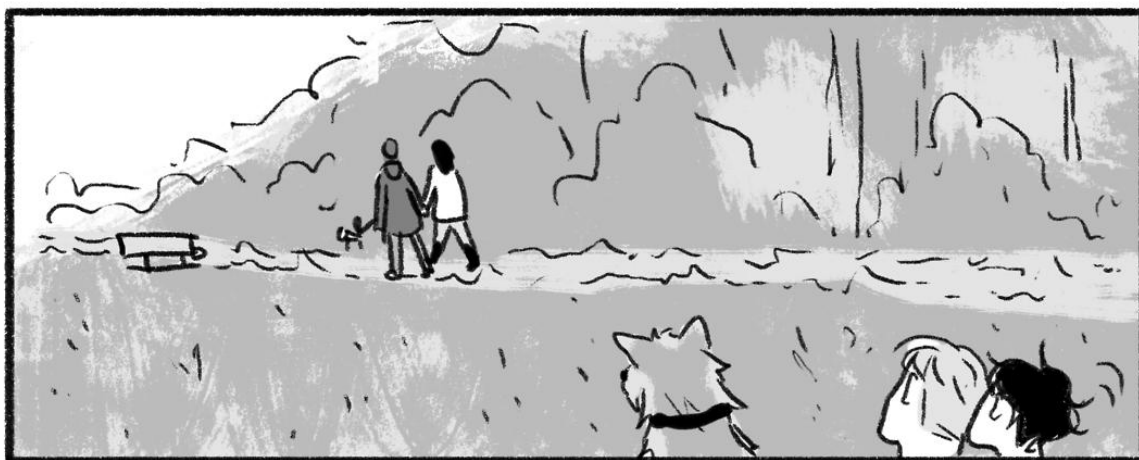
but I'm still not sure

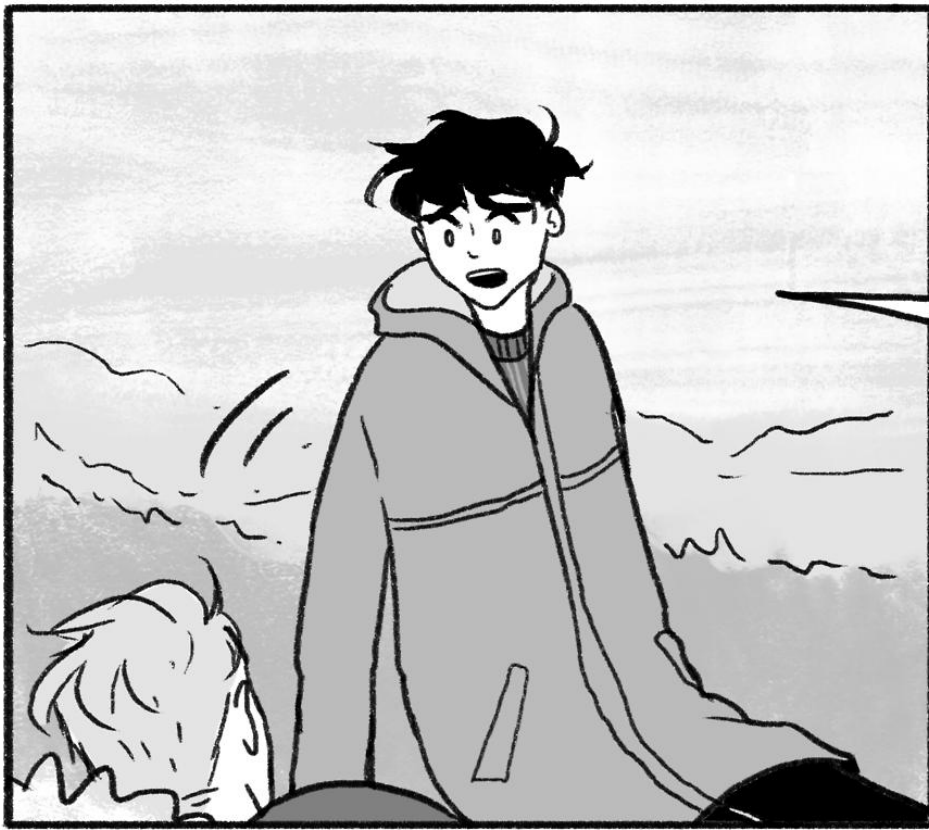




RUSTLE







Don't
be
sorry!!



I feel
bad...



Nick.
I understand.
I promise.



Can I have an extra kiss when we get back to your house?



y-yeah!!

boof?



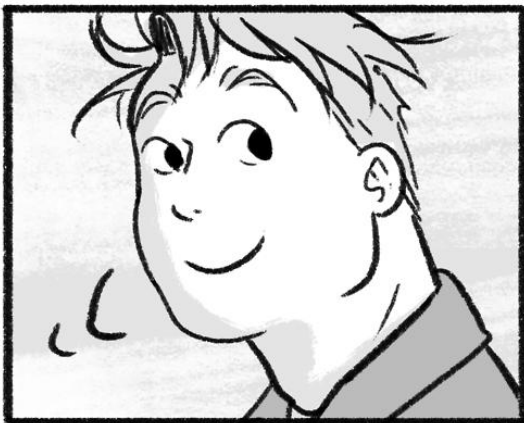
FRIDAY

So... it's kind of my birthday
next Tuesday



and.. um..
I was gonna
ask if you
wanted to
come but I
know you don't
really know my
friends so
you don't
have to-





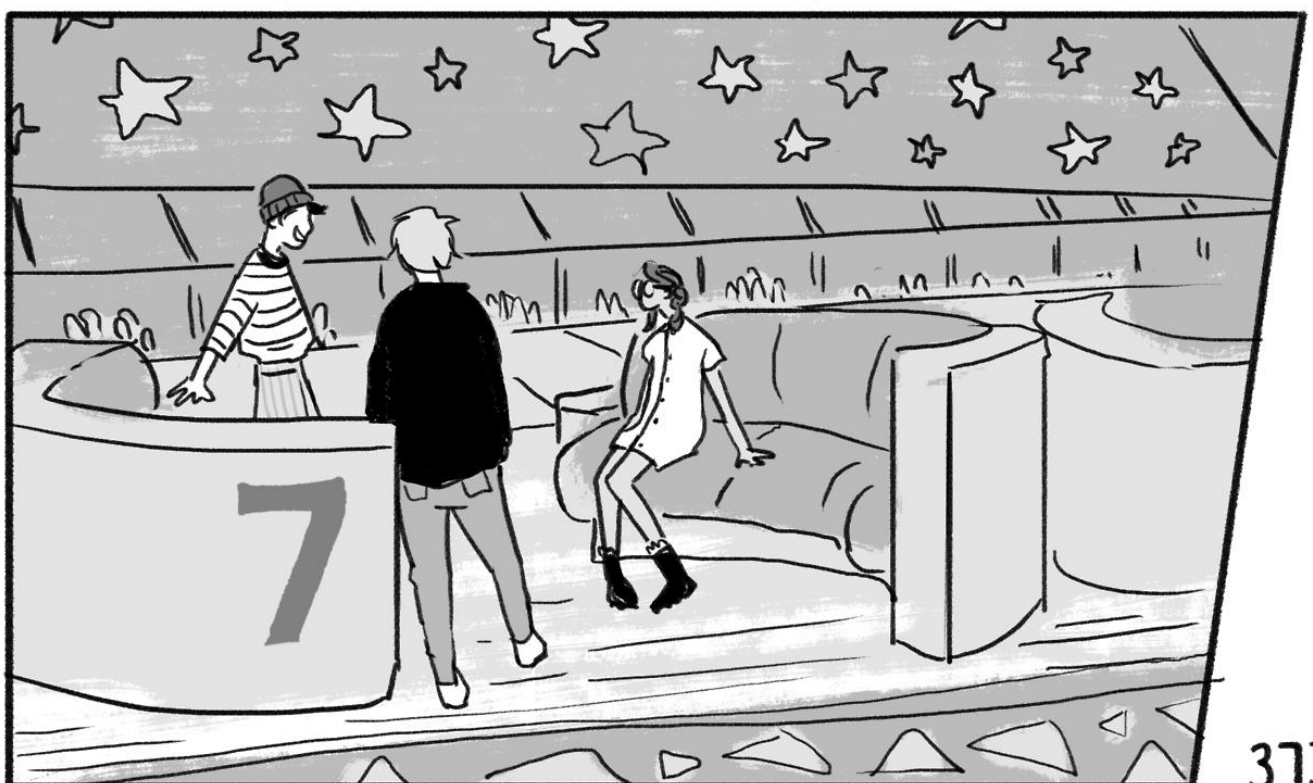


Hey!

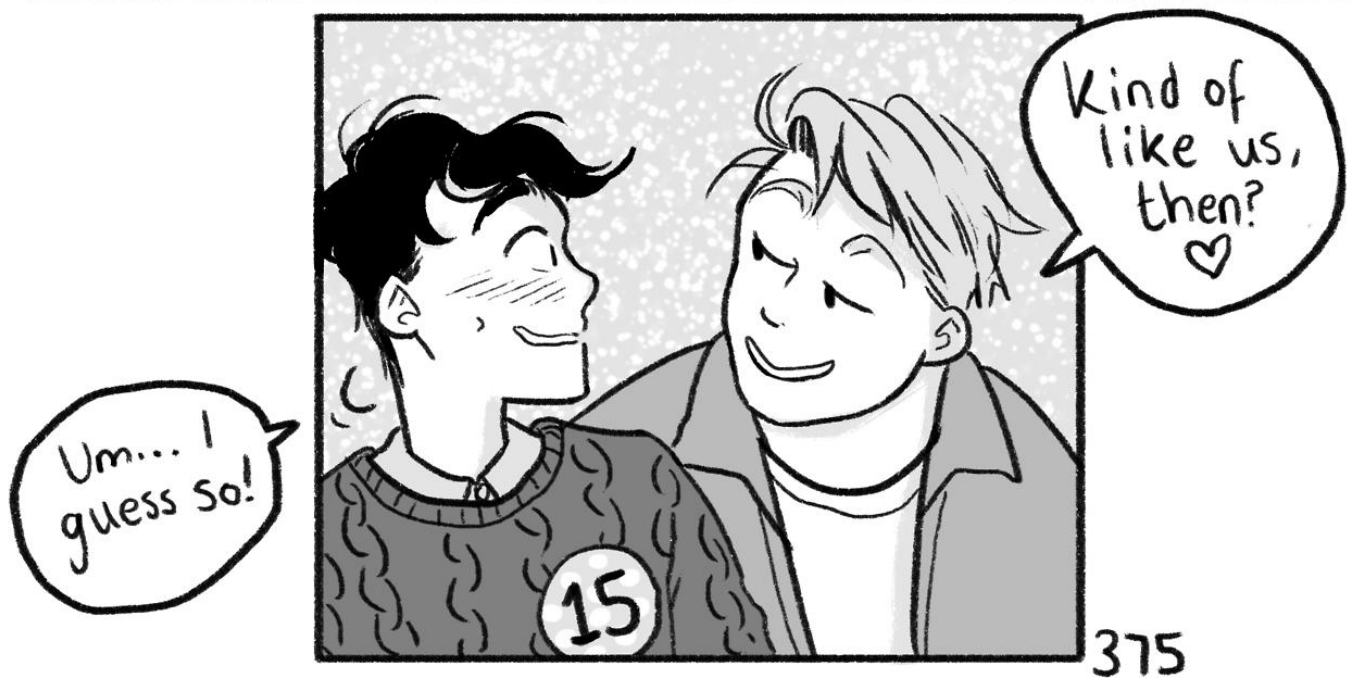
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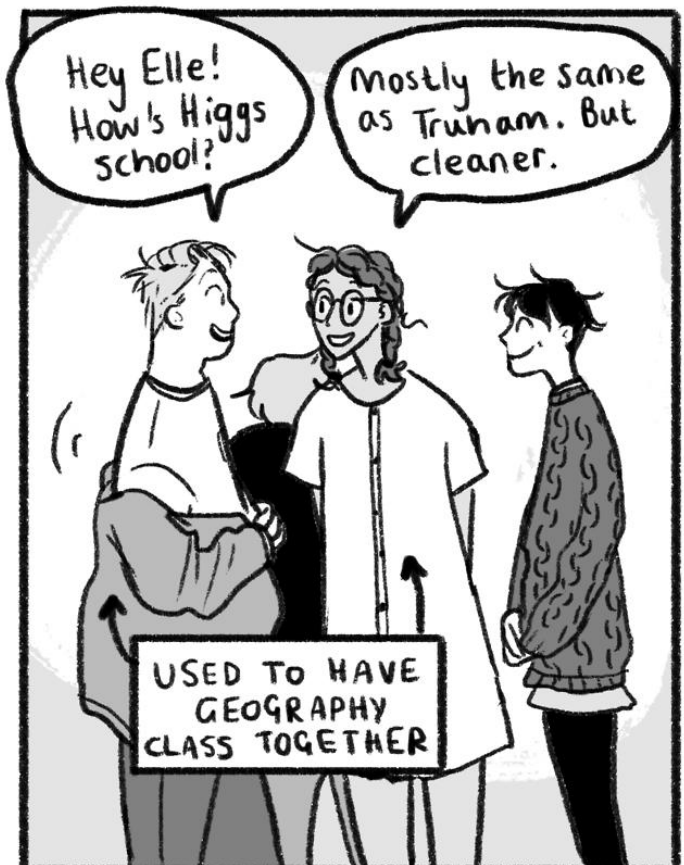
















Looks like Nick won the first game!!



YES!!!

GAME 1 WINNER

NICK!

Noooo! I was so close!



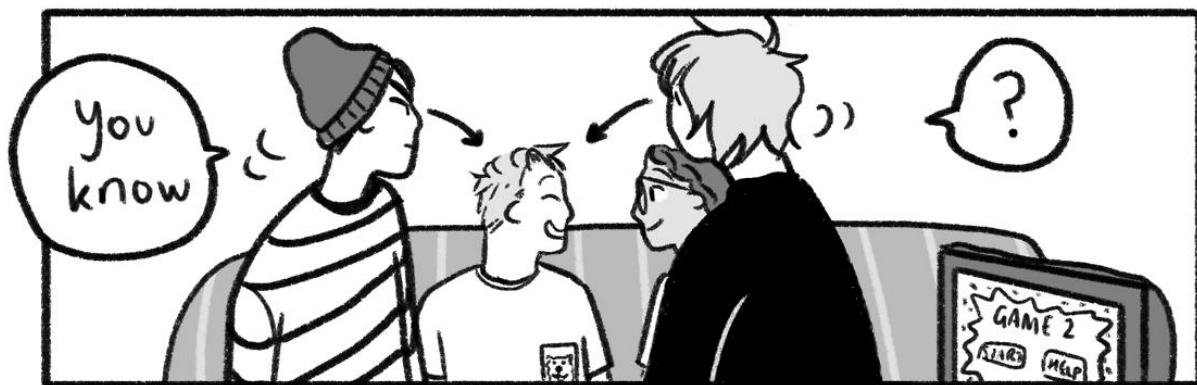
You totally cheated

Oh yeah?
How?











Charlie.

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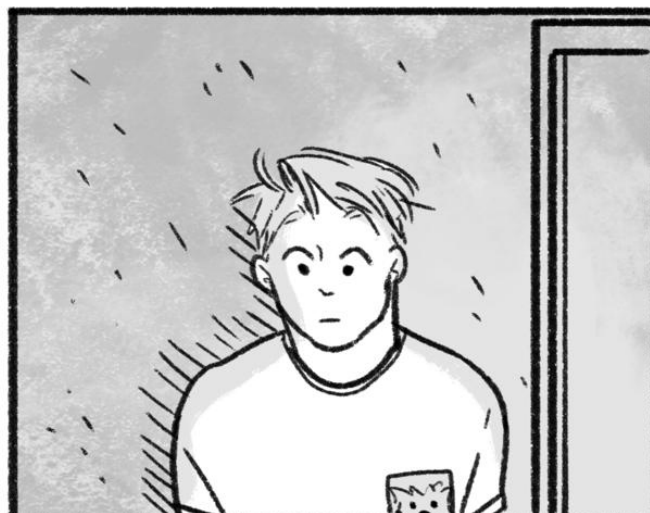






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We weren't close with Aled and Elle back then. They don't know what it was like.



You used to be terrified to come to school.

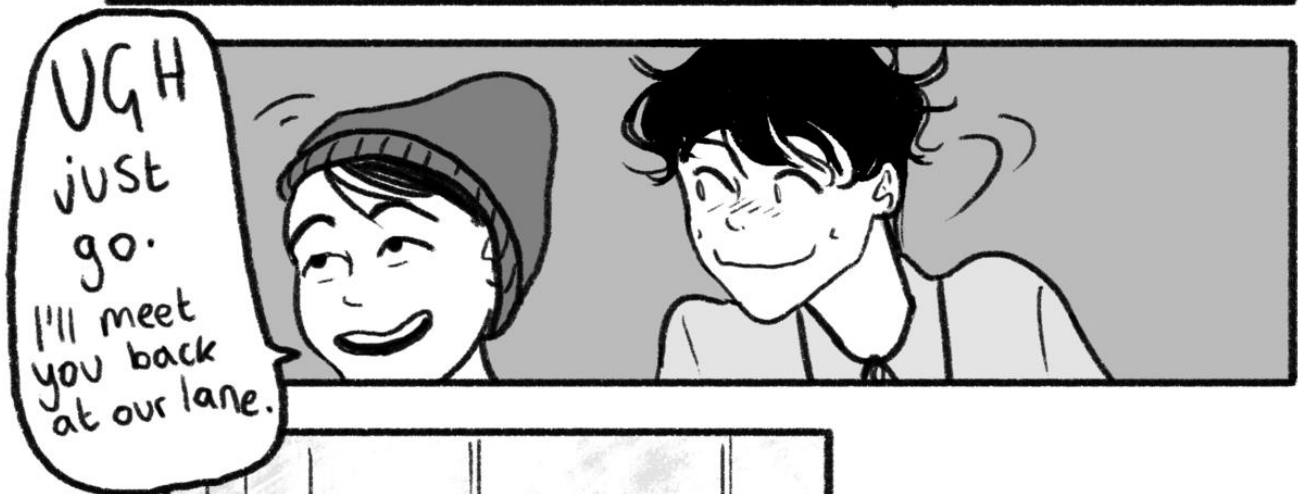


And I couldn't do anything to help.





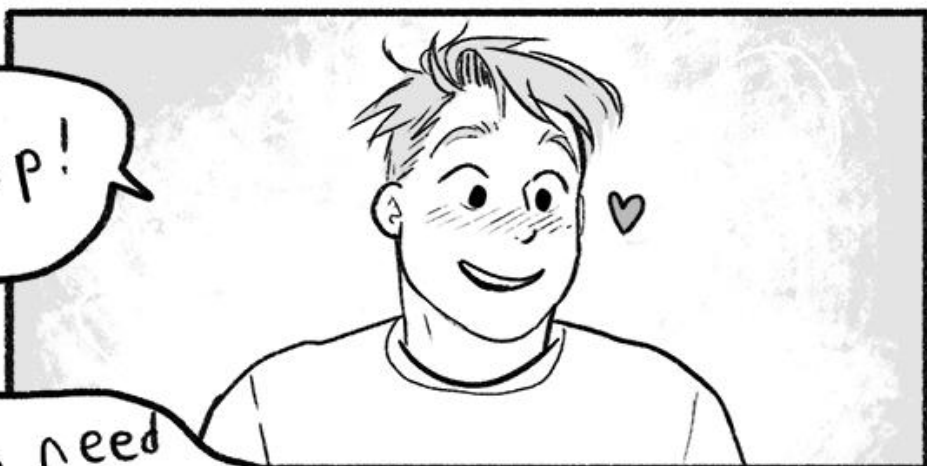




You getting
more food?



yep!



haha
you're gonna need
it if you wanna
beat Elle
again-



huh?





Wh-what's
this for?

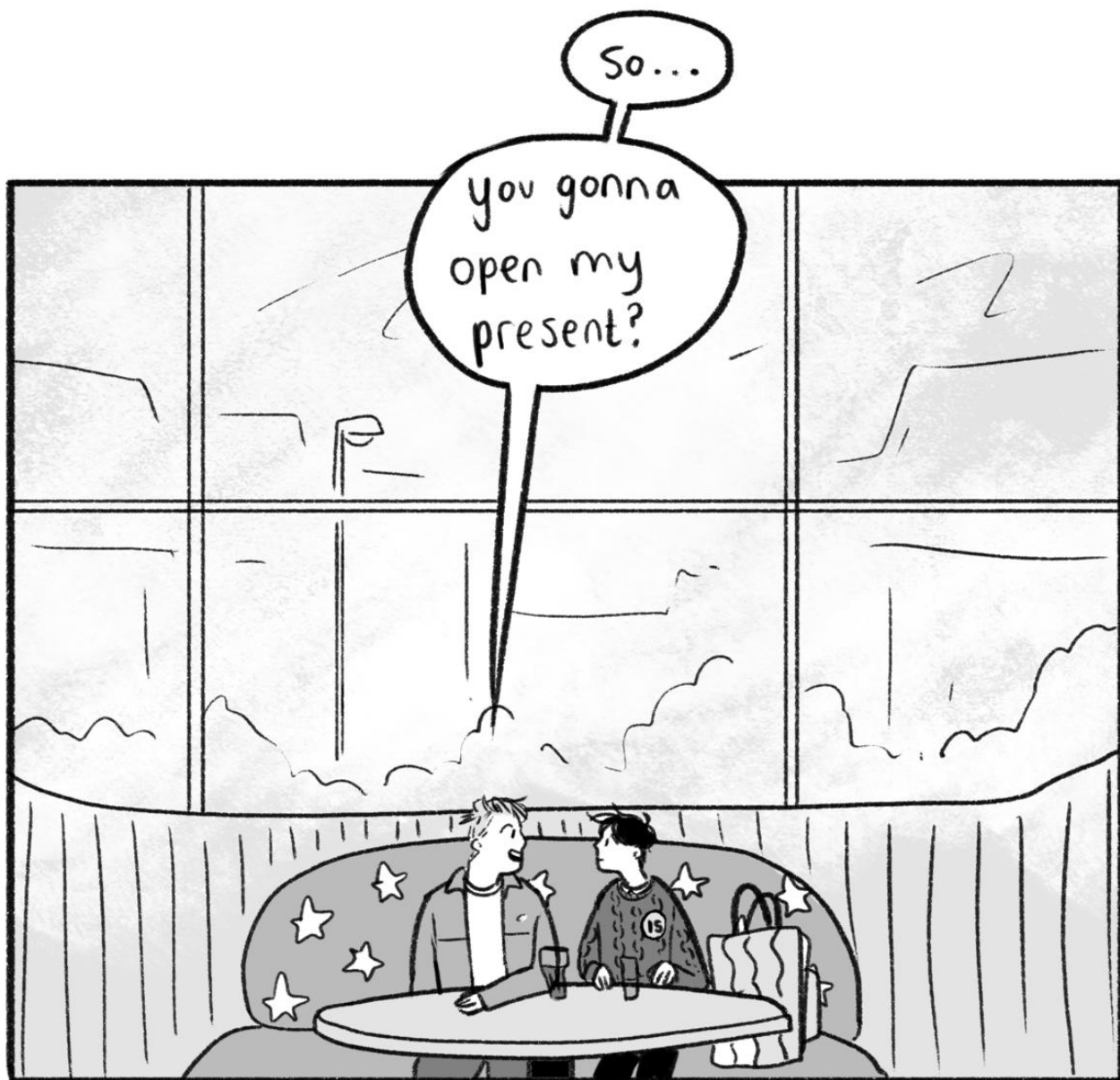




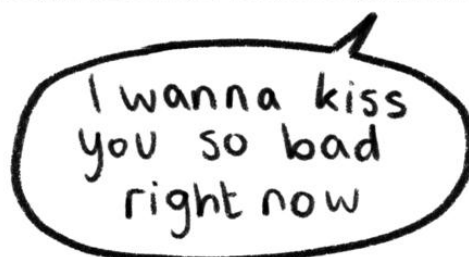


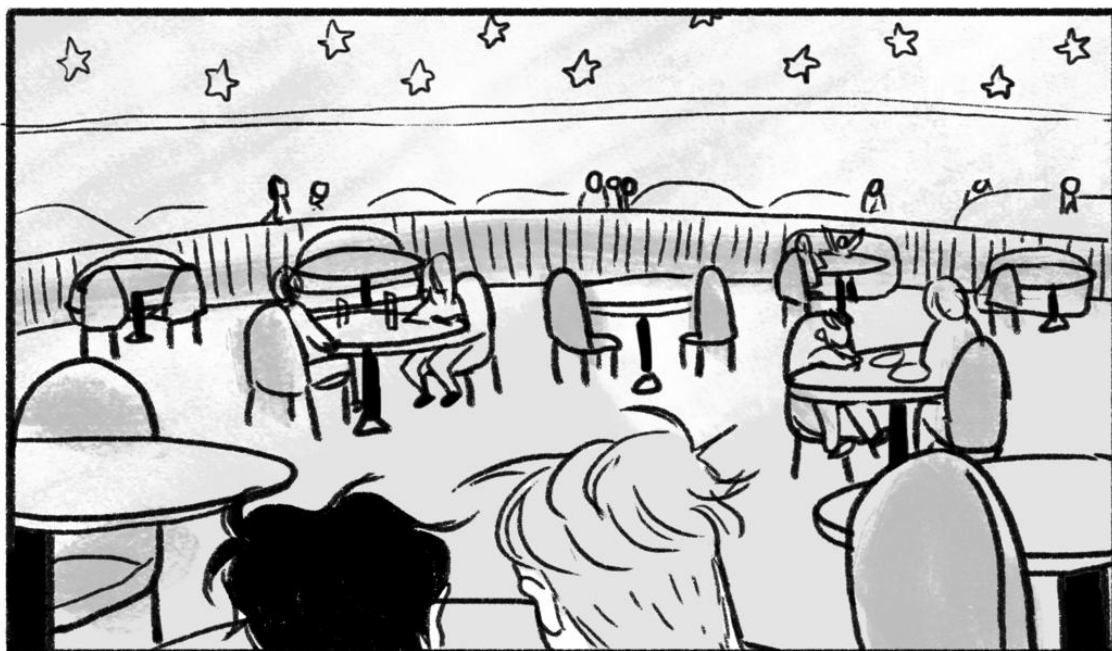










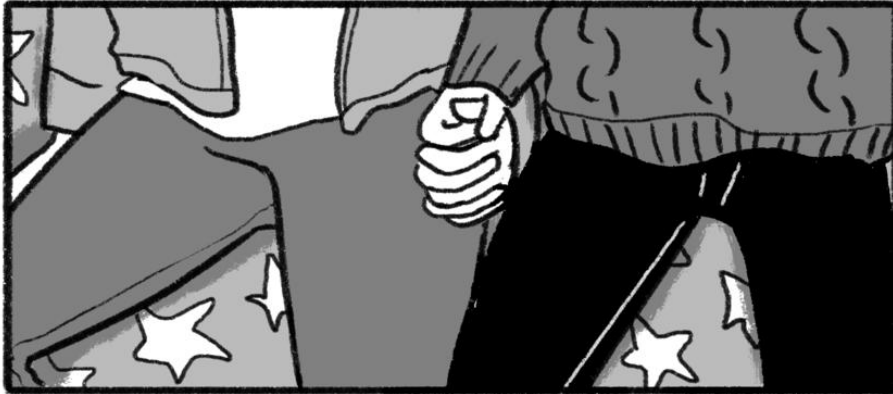


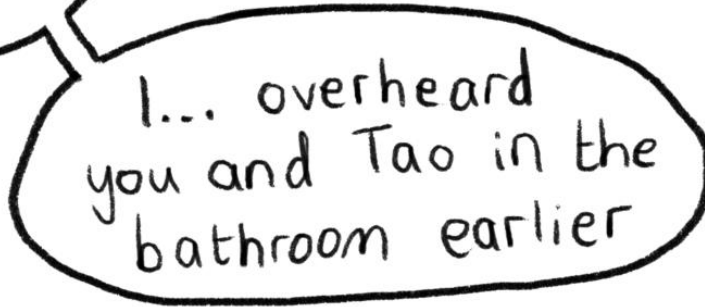
Okay



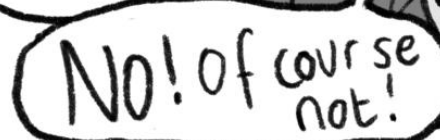
Are you
sure??

yeah





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Yeah... I don't know why I thought you'd believe that



Tao can be very forceful about his opinions



I'm so scared I'm just...



doing to you what Ben did to you-







I... remember when you used to get bullied.



I wish I'd.. helped you, or.. done something, I don't know.

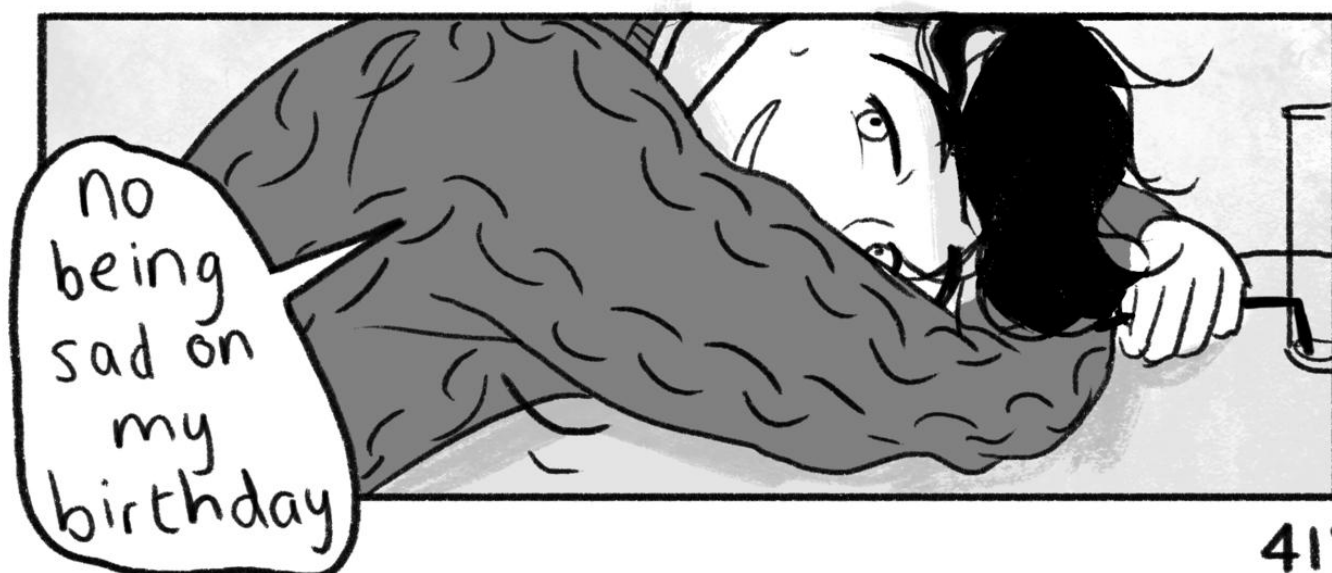
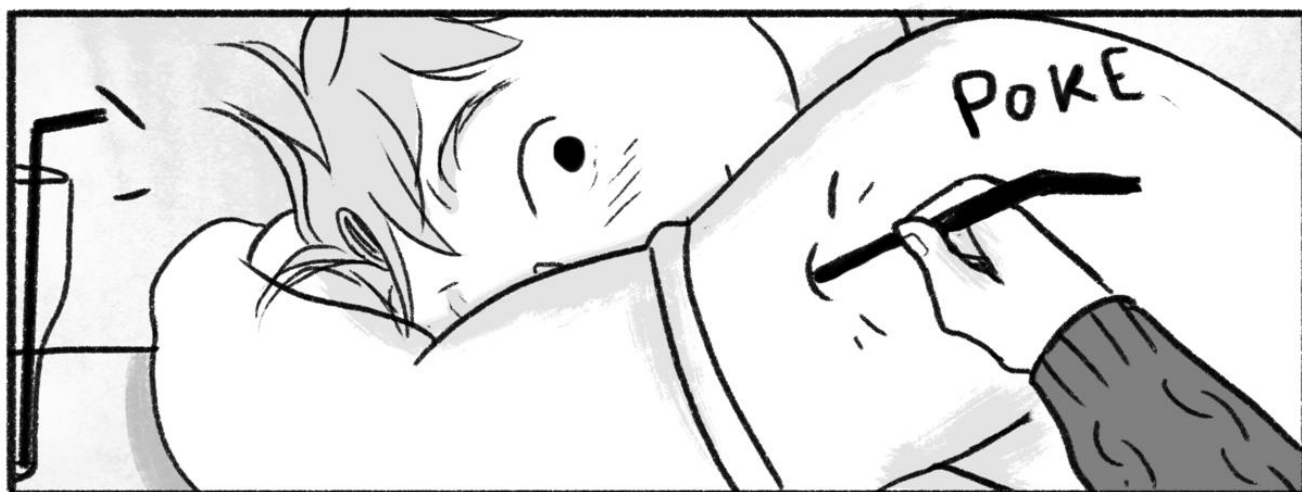


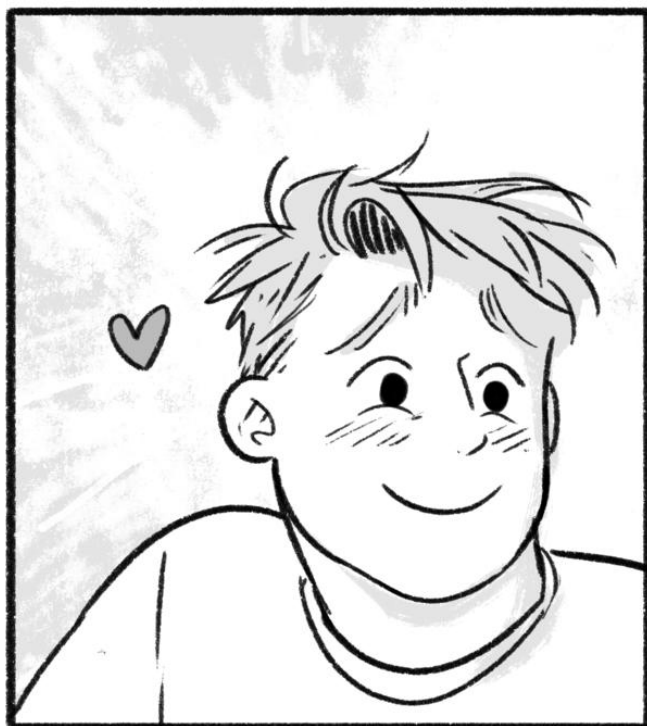
But you didn't even know me then!

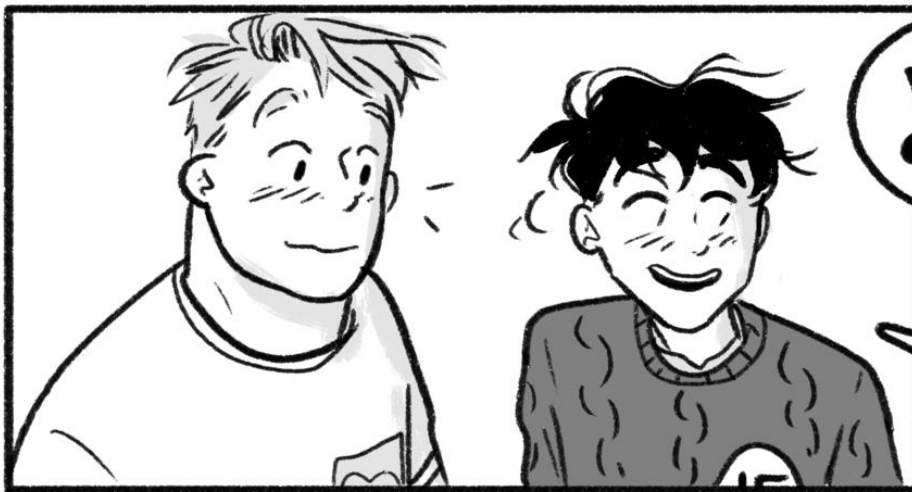




Hey!









MAY

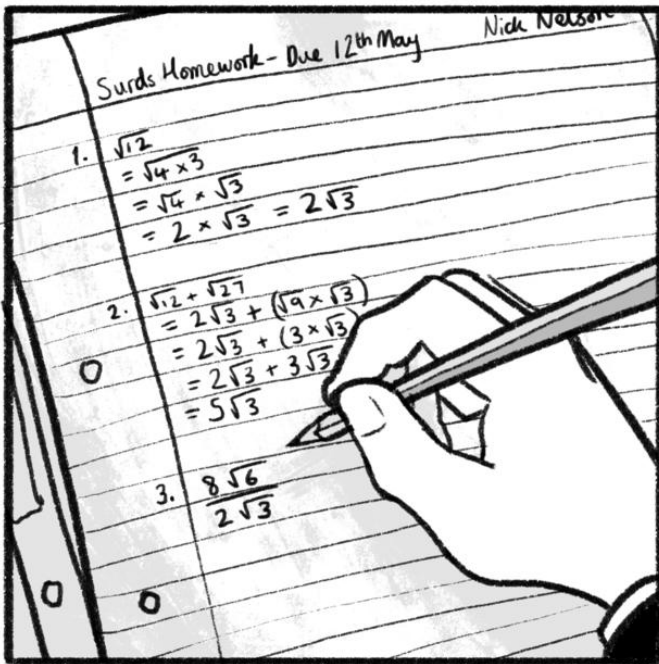
(TWO AND A HALF WEEKS LATER)

Hurry up Nick,
you'll be late
for fourth period!



Sorry
Sir!





Spring Concert

Truham Grammar
School for Boys
and
Harvey Greene Grammar
School for Girls

I thought you
had Spanish right
now?

Yeah, I was
supposed to,
but...

Our school orchestra
is doing a joint concert
thing with the girls'
school and they needed
me to play drums for the rehearsal

Ooh
that's
cool!

What are you doing? Did
you forget to do your
maths homework again?

Well... I was gonna
do it last night,
but...



er... you
came over
and...



..yeah.

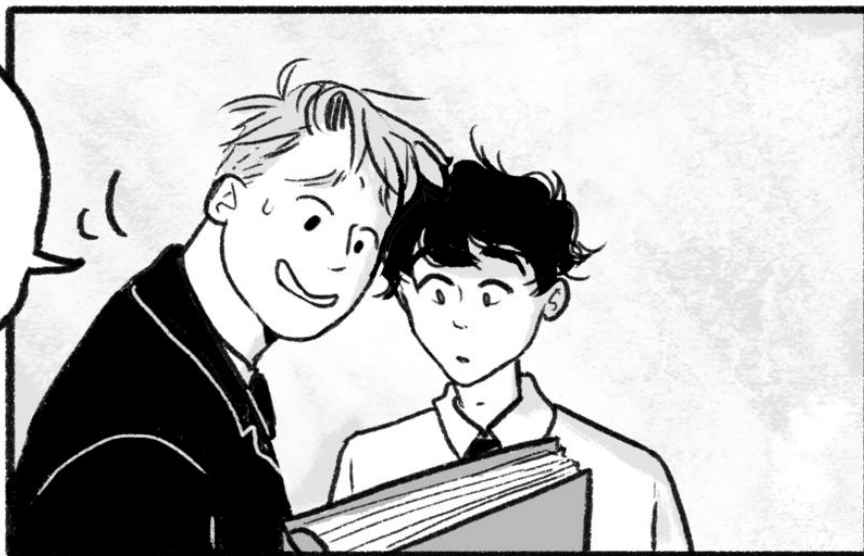
Oh.

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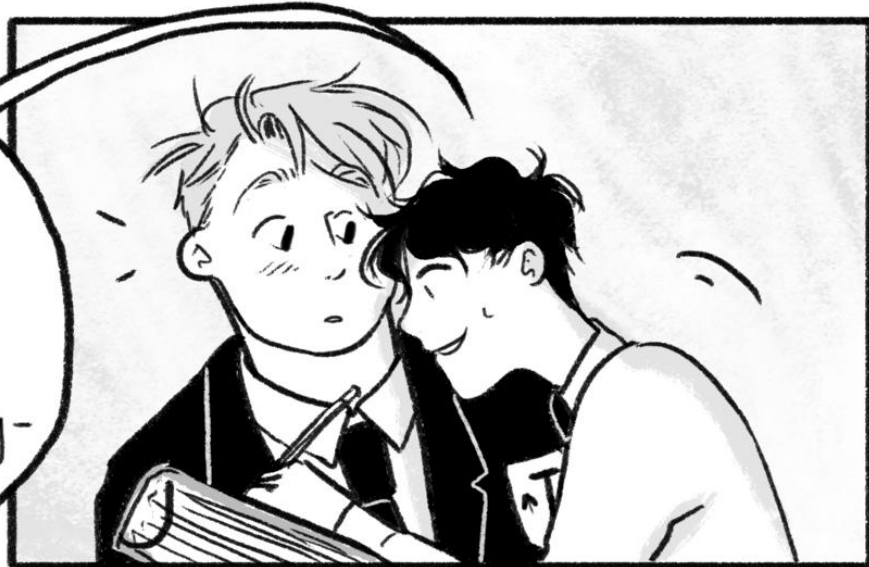


ha ha!

I'm stuck
on a
question
anyway

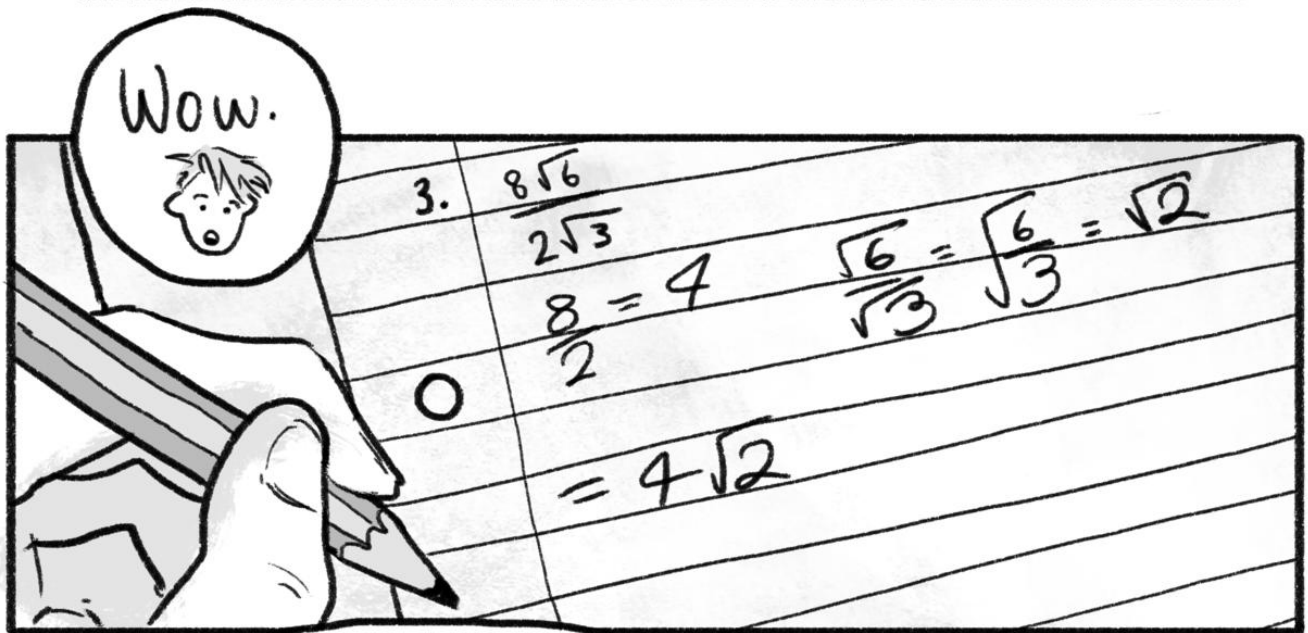


Oh! You've
just got
to deal
with each
term individually-



How are you better
at maths than I am!?
You're in the year
below me!

Hahaha!





Hey Nick?

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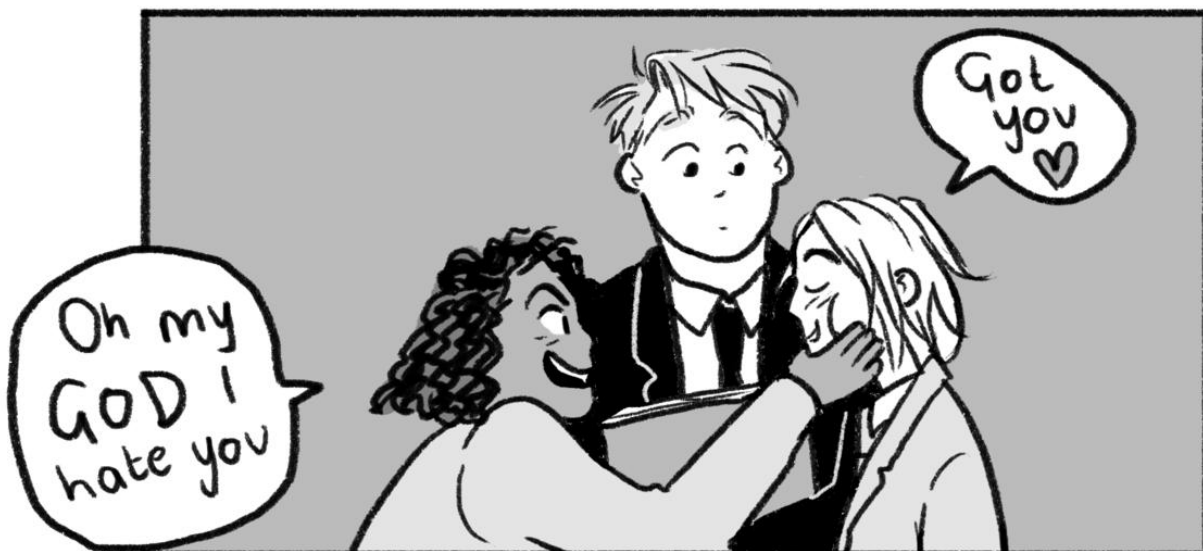














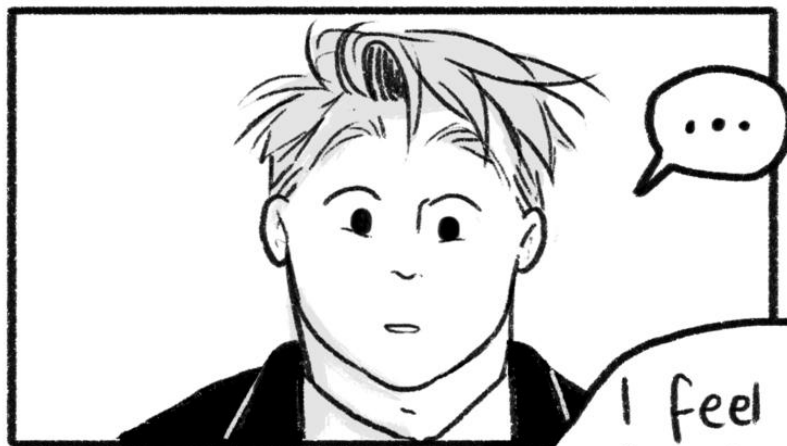
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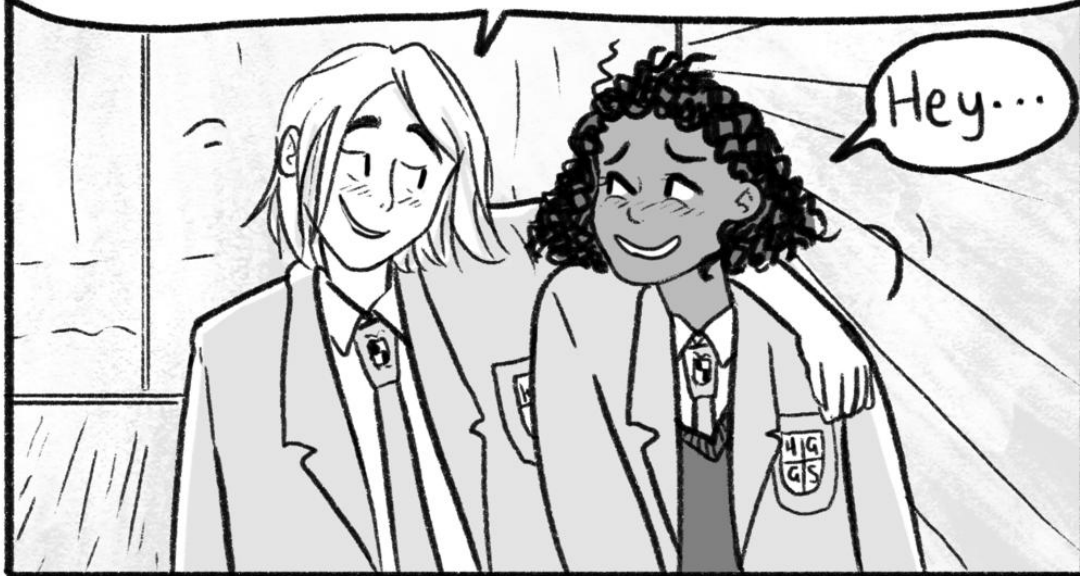








That's okay! Tara didn't know she was a lesbian until we'd kissed like 6 times



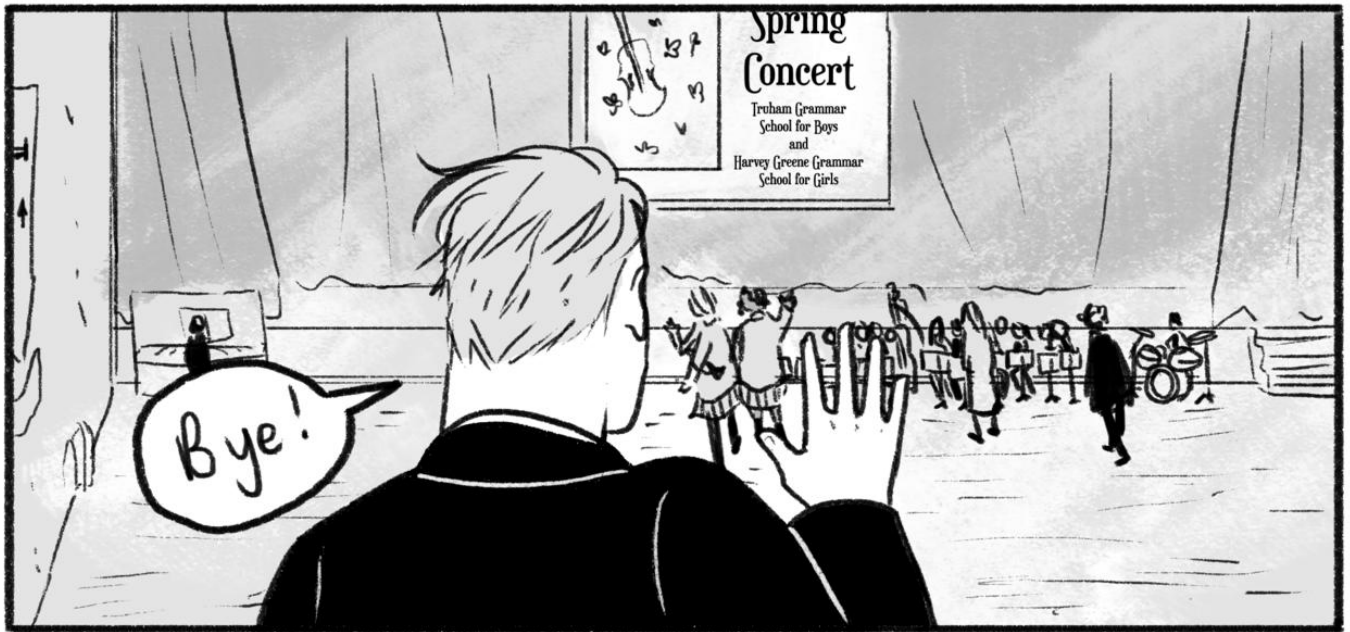
Nick... don't feel like you need to come out to anyone until you feel ready.

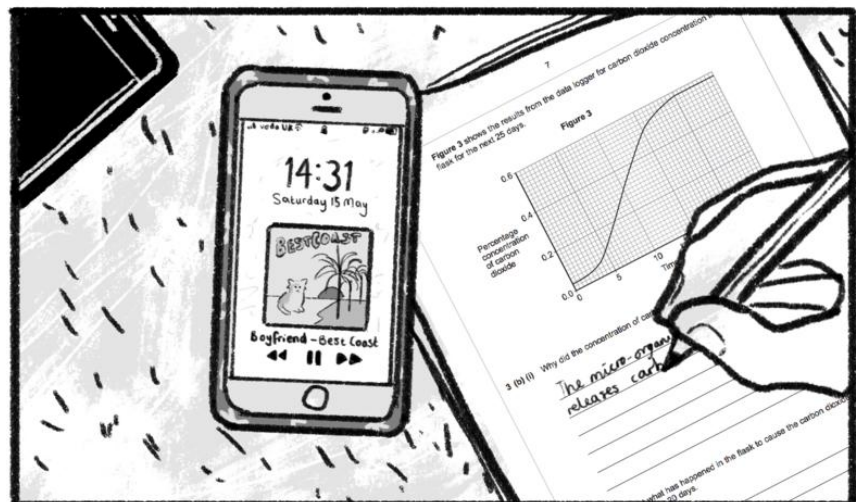
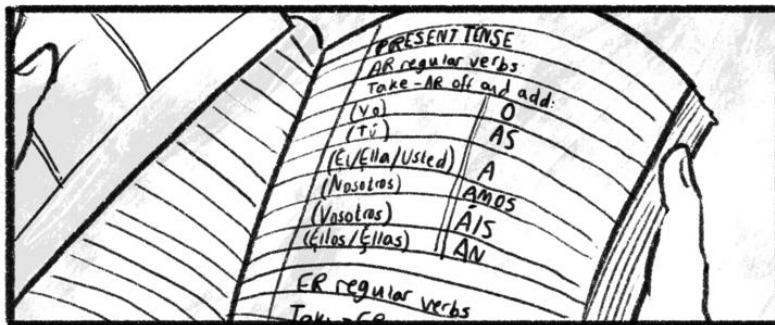


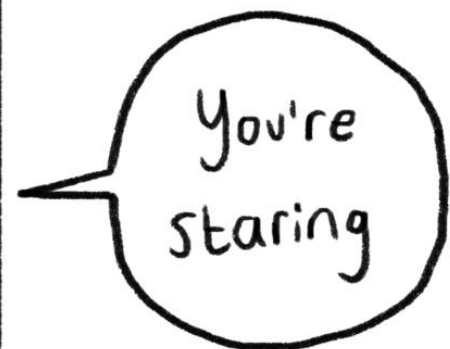
That can be really hard to deal with if you barely know who you are.























You're amazing



I take it
that means
you don't
mind I
told her?



You told
someone!!

You came
out to
someone!!



I
did!!

...

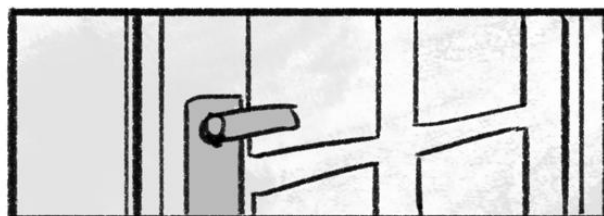
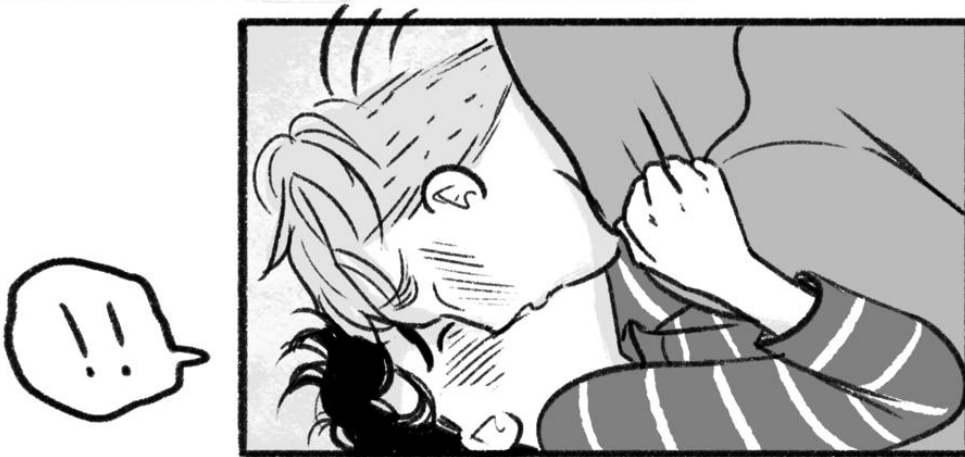


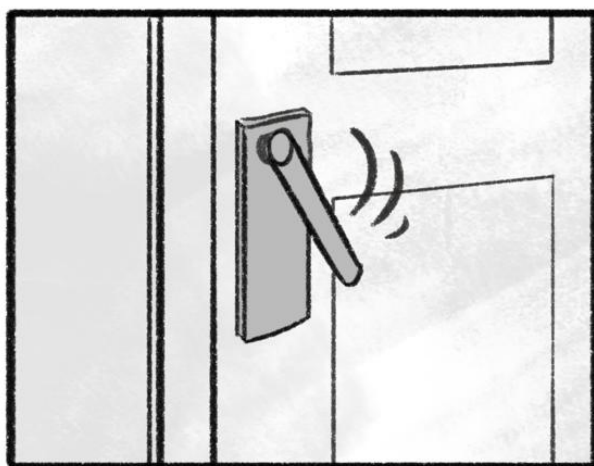


going
out
with you
is like
a dream









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That's true...





So are you sure you want me to come with you next Saturday?

Yeah!!



You invited me out with your friends so you should come out with mine!



I feel like your friends don't like me though...

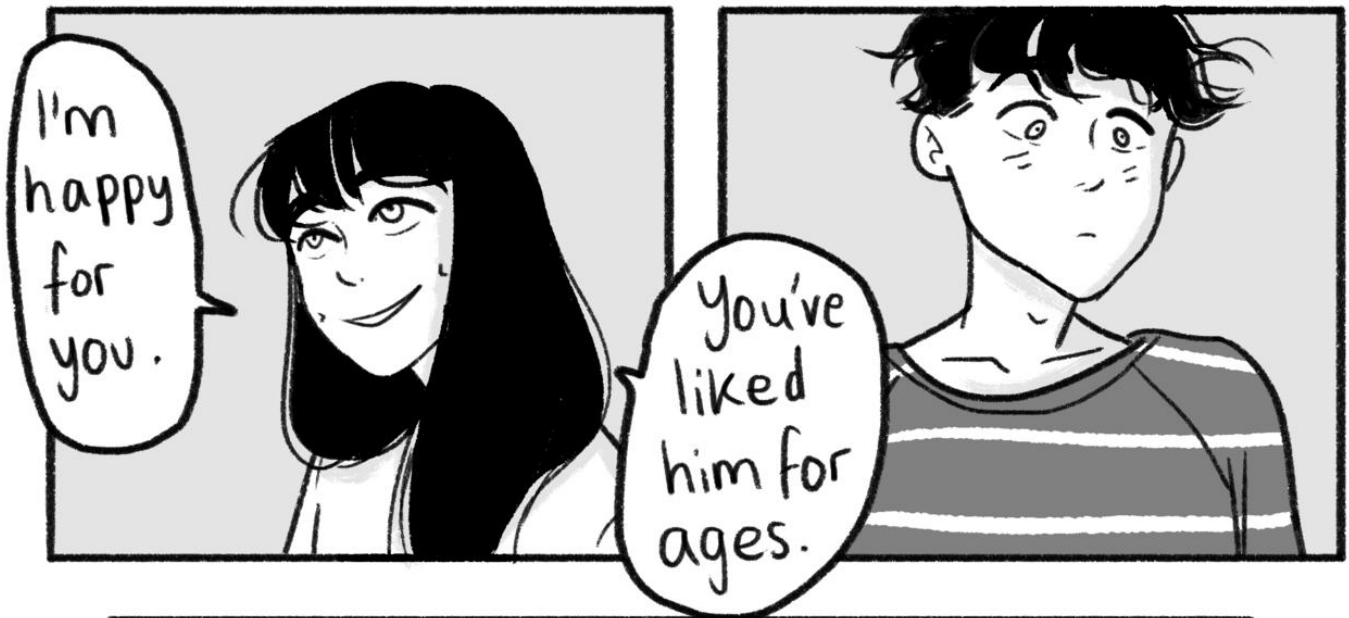


Hey no no no!!













THE NEXT SATURDAY...





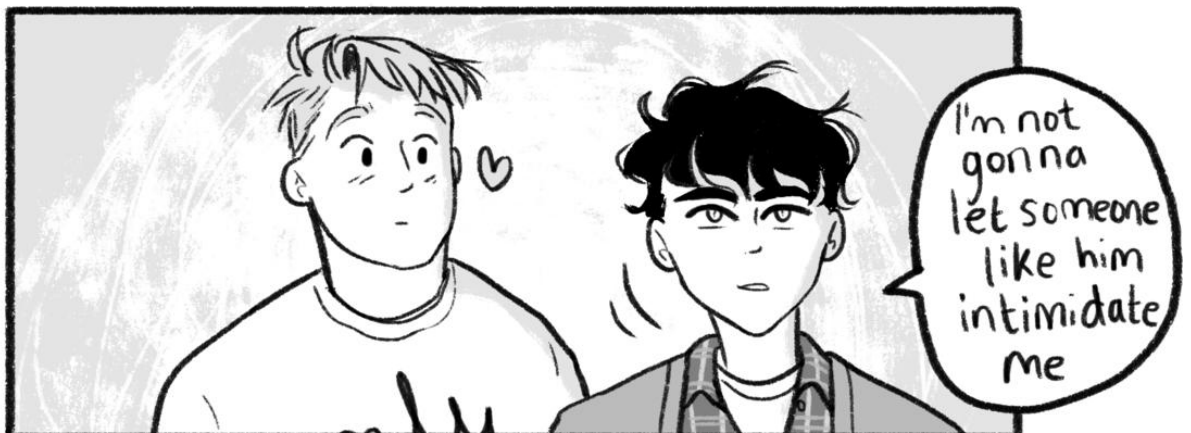
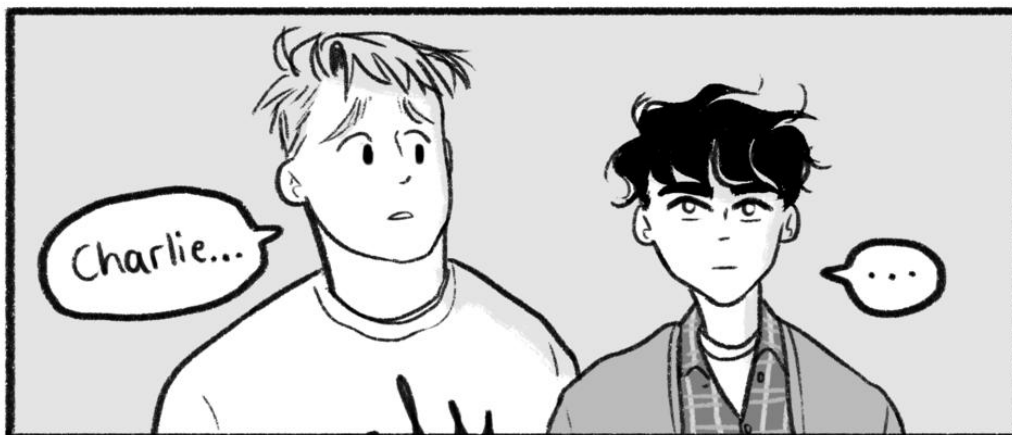
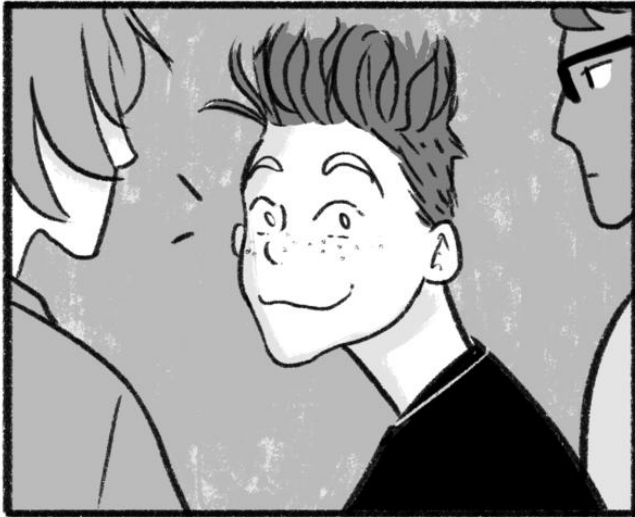






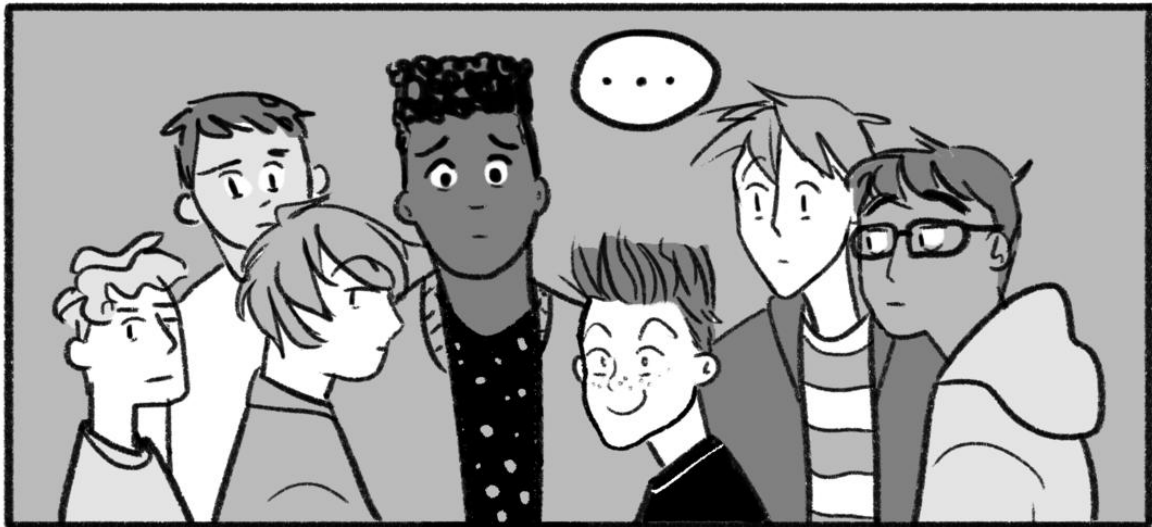






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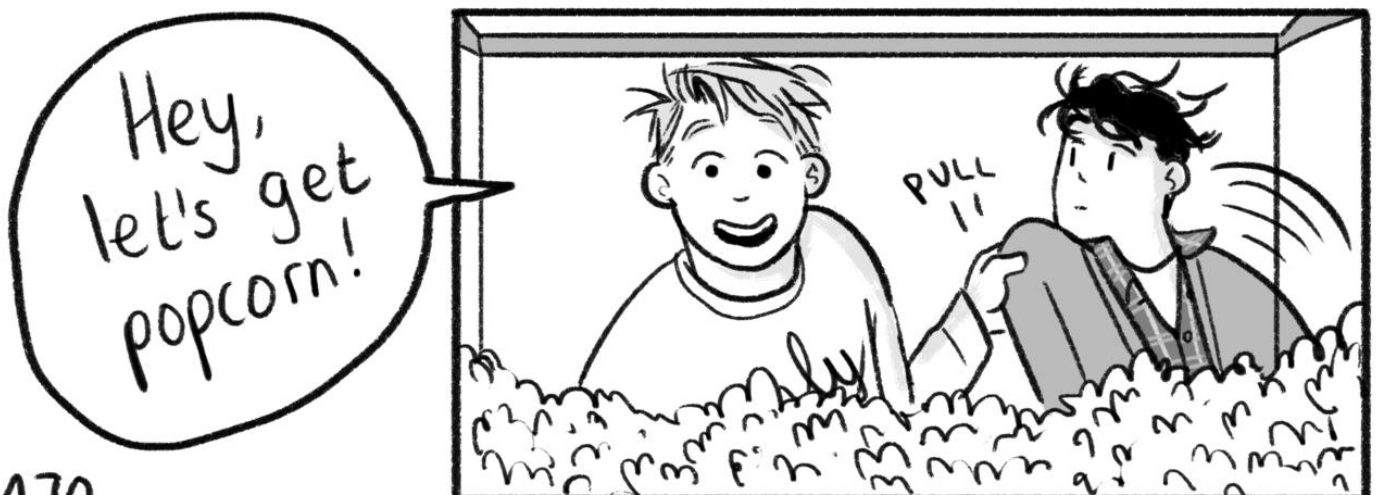
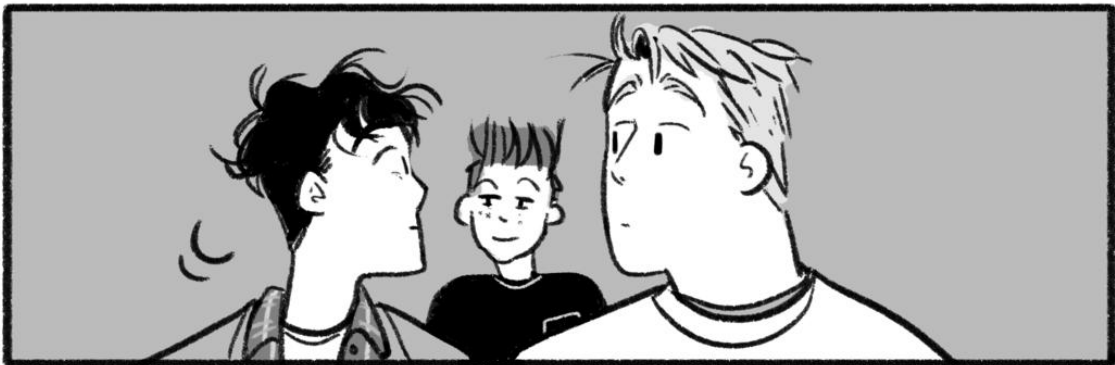
Ah, I forgot to ask!



Are you okay with horror movies?



Yeah I love horror!









Oh... er, wow, th-that
just slipped out-

Oh my GOD, say
it again!!

NO!!

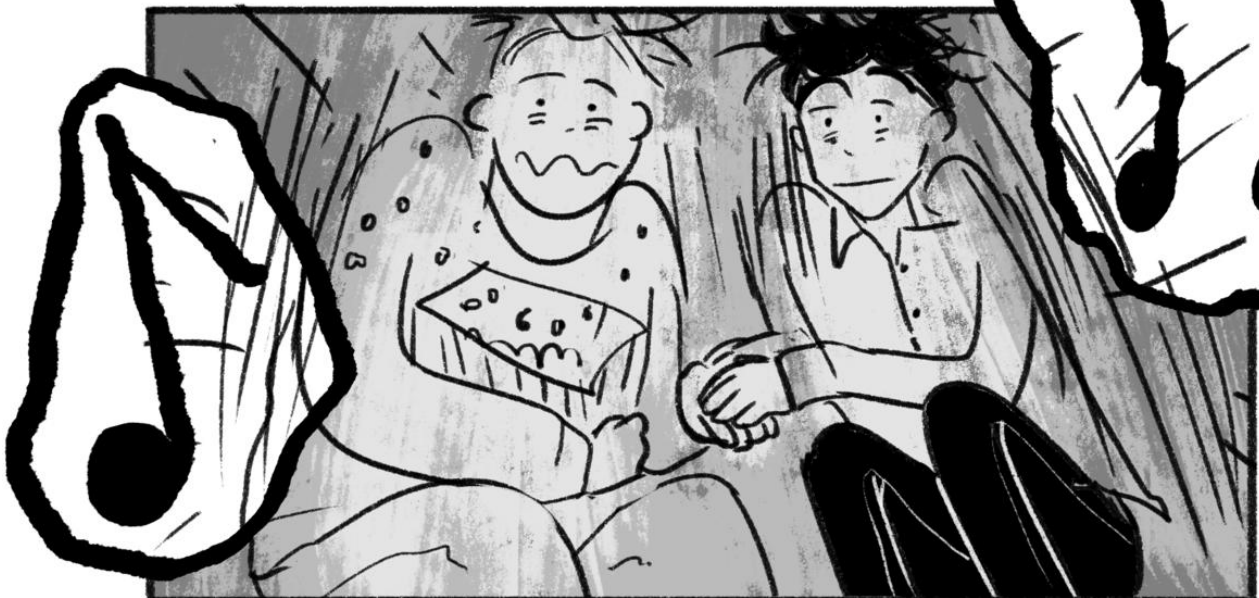
Go onnnnn



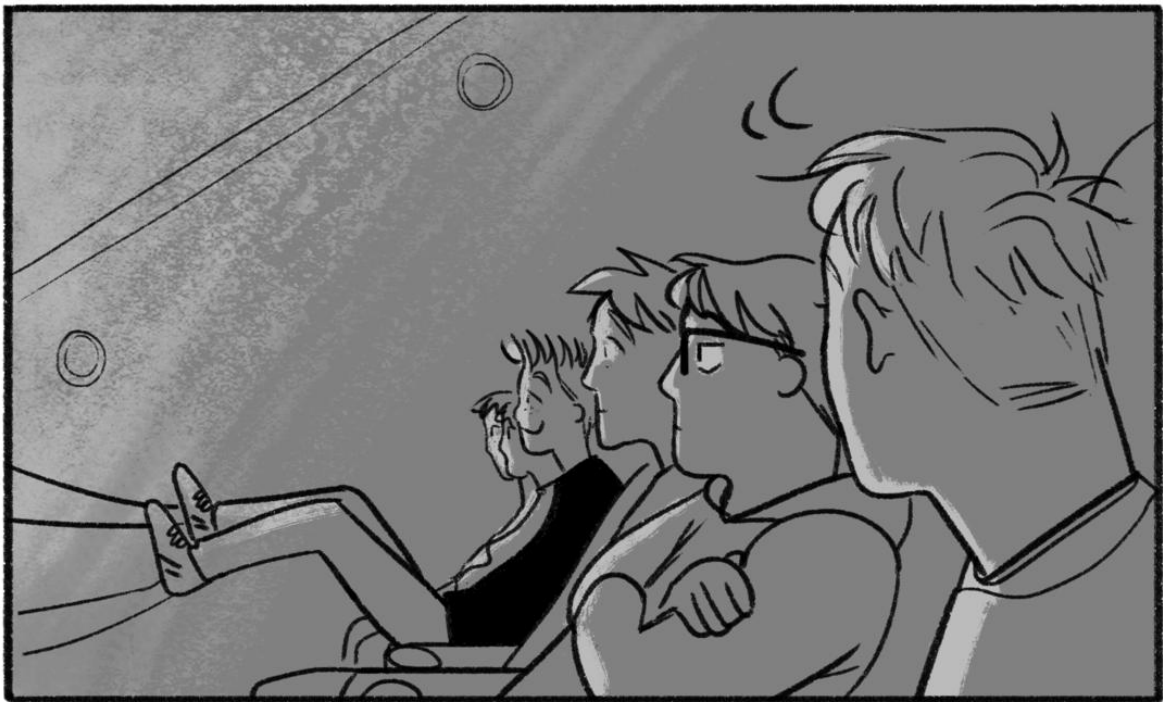
I like it. It's
cute.

Now I'm
never
calling you
it again

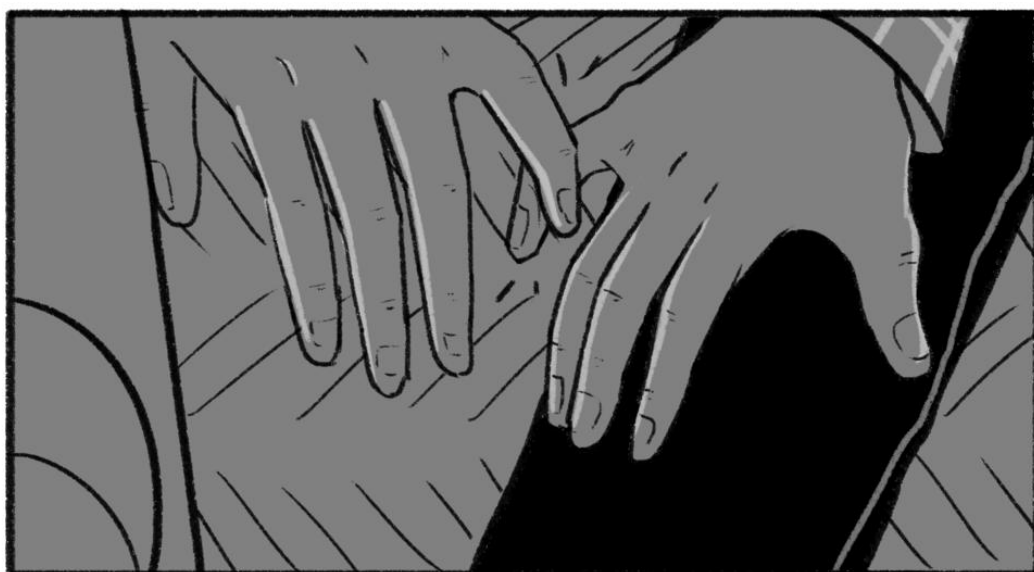














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I mean, you SOUND sort of gay, but that's it!



Do you like musicals?

HARRY,
can you just
fuck off, please?





What about Nick? You think he's hot?





Not really
my type.



Naaah, you SO
have a crush on him!

No.

You doooo









Hey, hey,
wait-



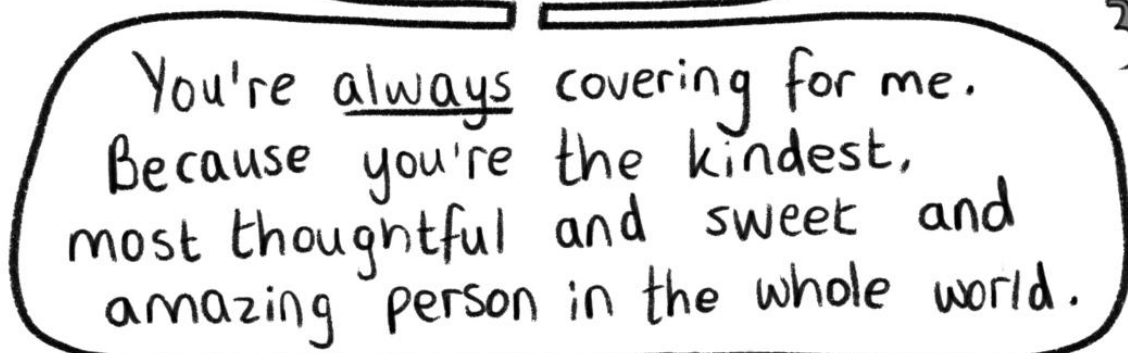
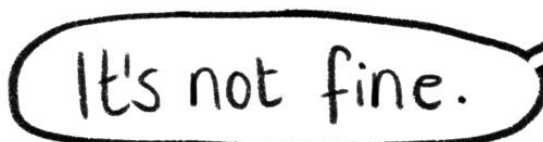
huh?



God, I'm so
sorry-

I- It's
fine-

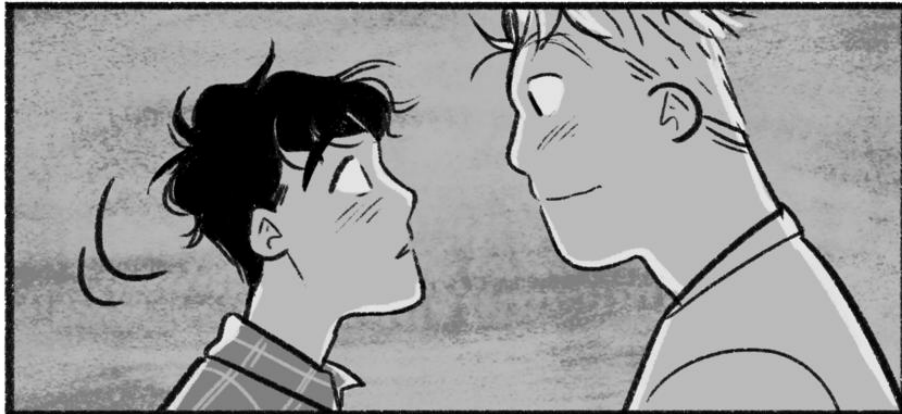
No, Harry
was being an
absolute
twat and
the others
were being
really
unfriendly
to you!
We- we
should
have just
left-

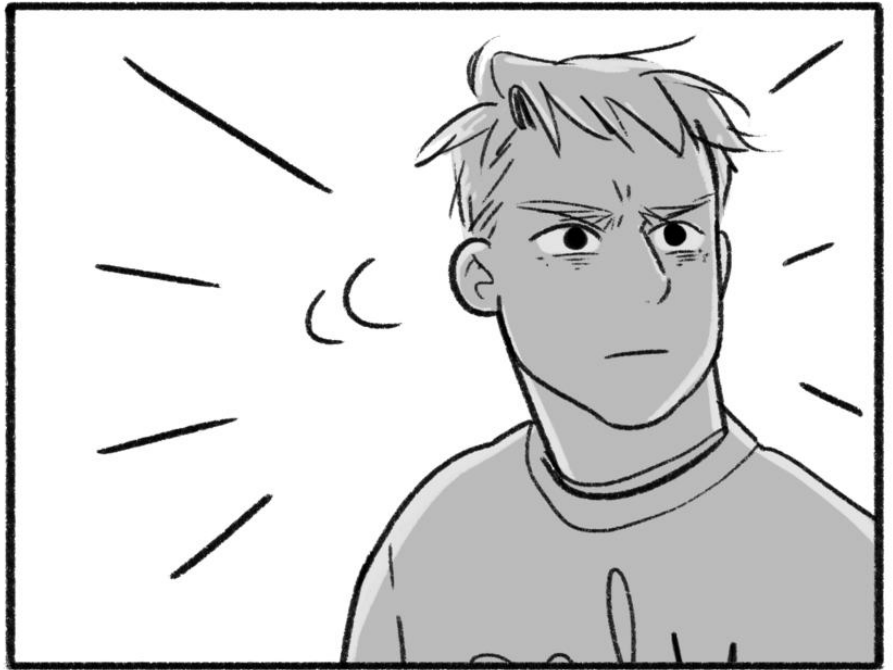




BEEP!!



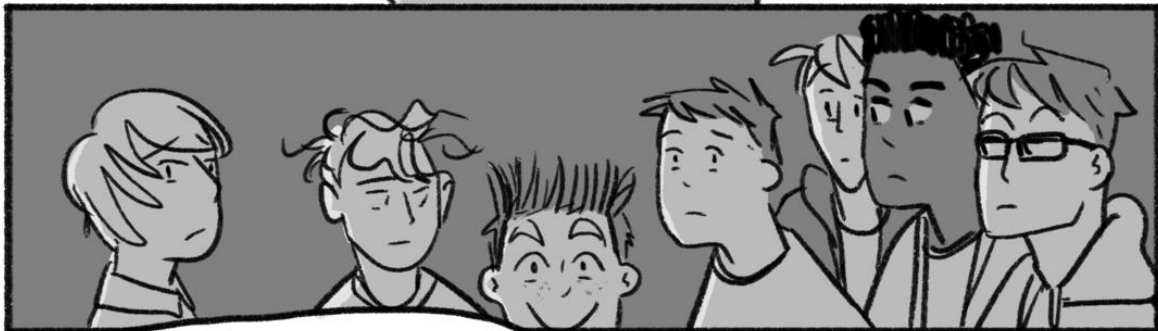




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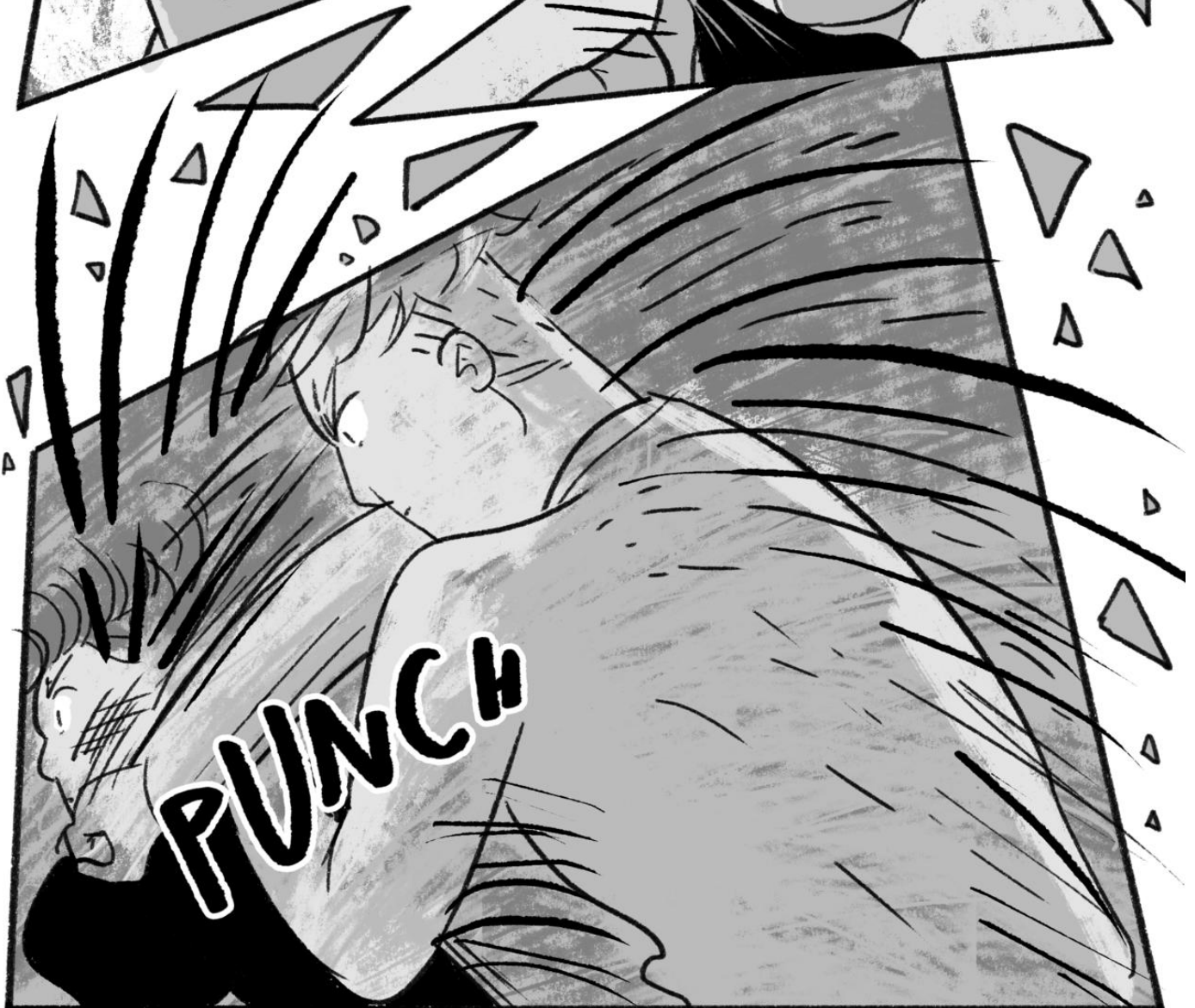




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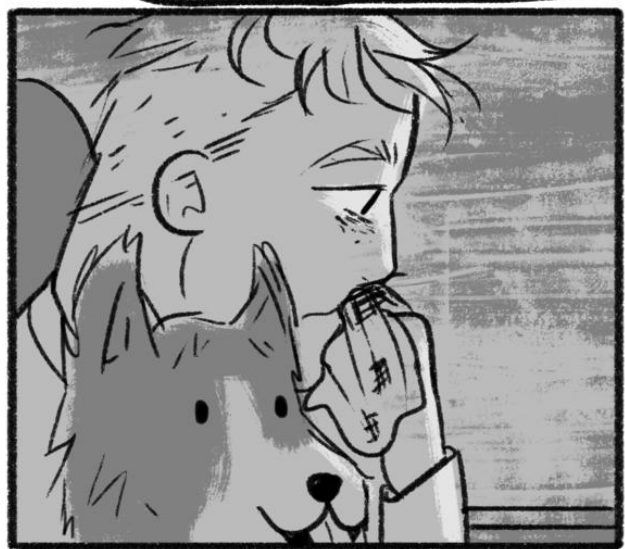


GRAB



PUNCH







Charlie's a really special friend,
isn't he





z

yeah



z

yeah he
is





Always haha



I'm so sorry about tonight, all my friends are ASSHOLES

No I'm sorry I shouldn't have agreed to come!!



HEY
NO
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY THE S WORD





I don't want to be friends with those guys anymore. Like I thought if I could show them how cool and lovely you are, they might stop being dicks, but... it didn't work

Cool and lovely??



Well you ARE

I don't expect you to dump your friends for me...



Oh they're dumped. They're all dumped. Anyone who's mean to you is officially dumped forEVER

Sai and Christian from rugby are nice! And Omar sometimes!! But yeah... I don't think any of the others like me...



TAP





To be honest I don't think I have many good friends... I don't really have any very close friends apart from you

I'm really sorry



Well I think my friends want to adopt you into our friendship group 😊



Omg

They liked me then?? Because they're all so nice and I definitely wanna hang out with them more!!

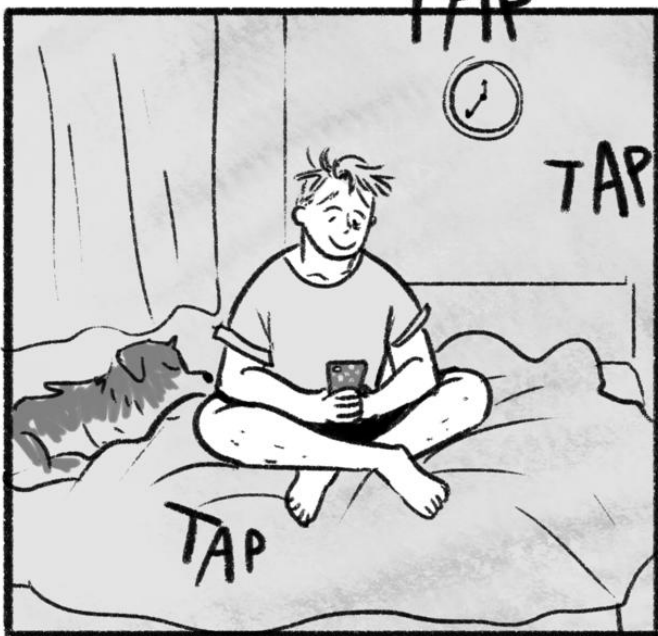
Of course they liked you Nick you are the loveliest person in the whole entire world

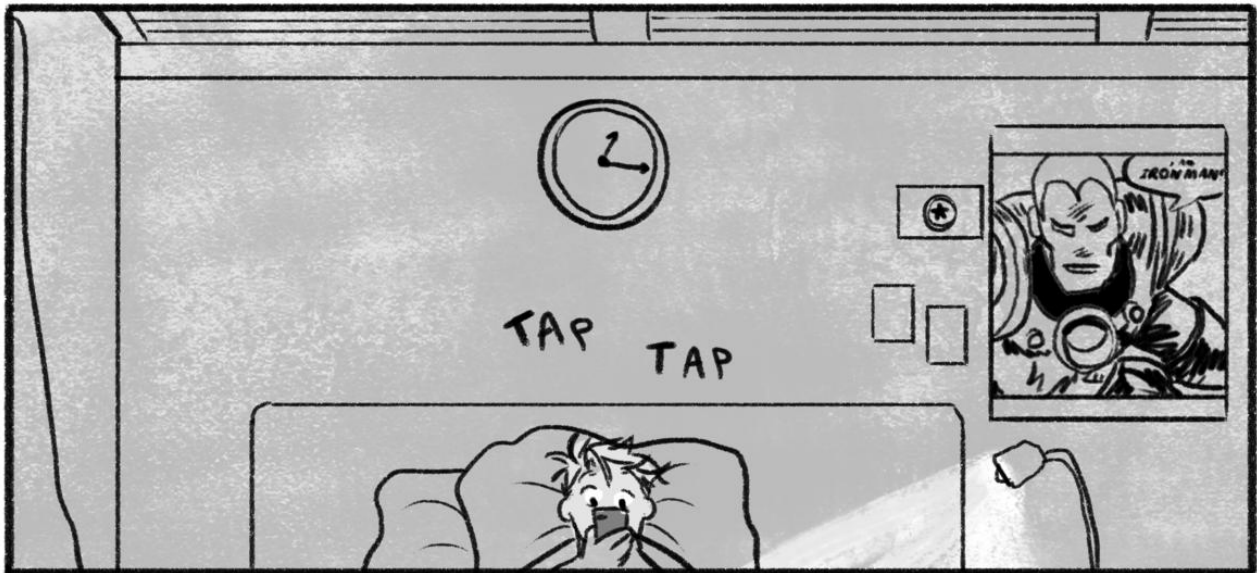


Um excuse me I think you already have that role pretty much filled thank you very much

SSHHH don't make me flustered







You still ok to come over tomorrow?? 😊

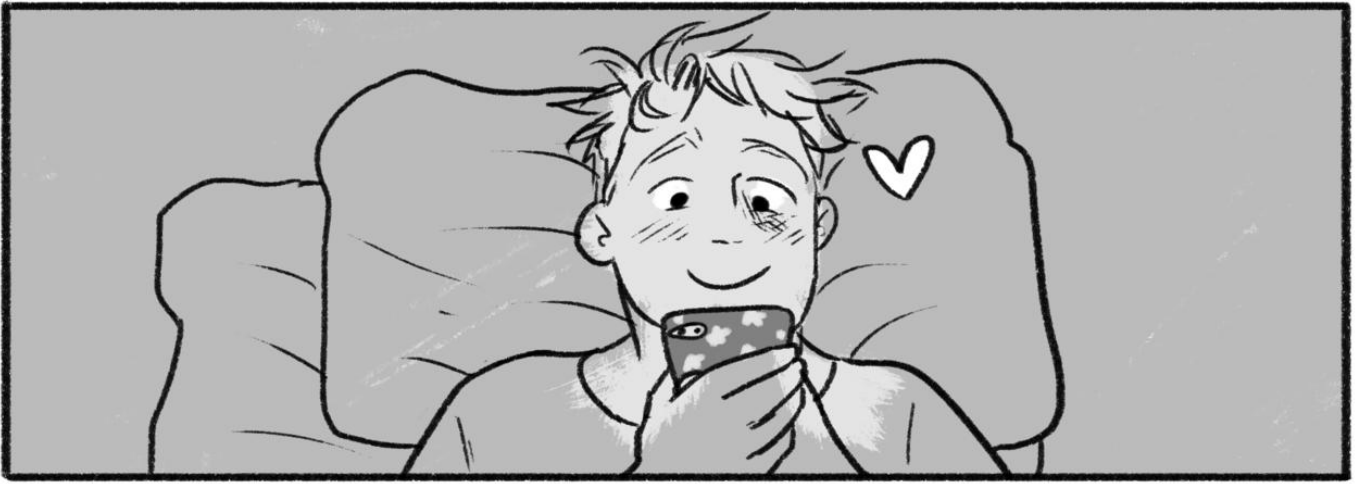
Because I sorta have an idea

Do you wanna go on a proper date?

Omg... Formally asking me out... This sounds slightly more sophisticated than just making out in our bedrooms



but yes of cOURSE



what shall we do? 😊



Can I make it a surprise??

Omg okay!! I'm so excited alkjsdfldsg



Nick I like you so much

You're my favourite person

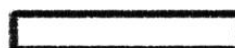
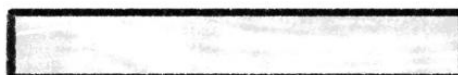
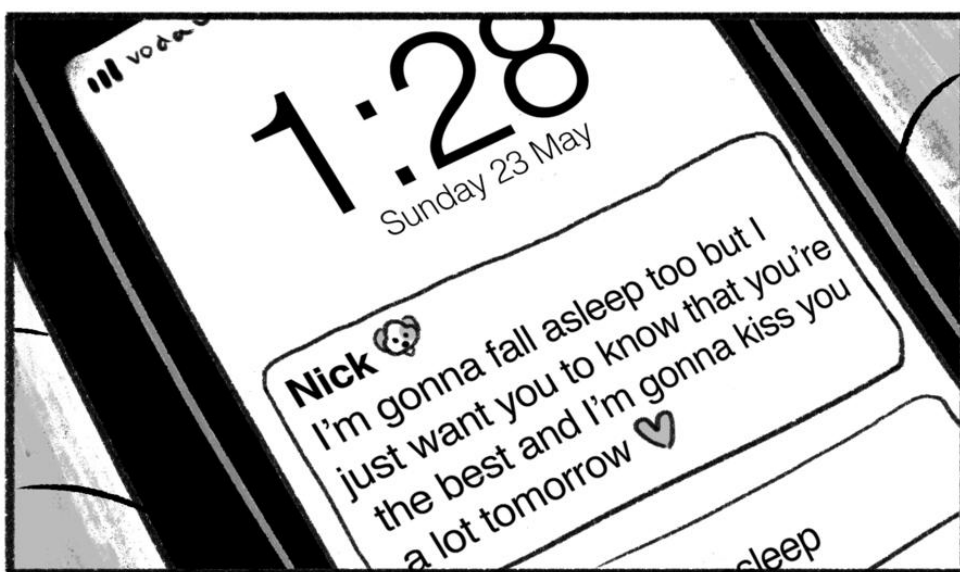


You're MY favourite person!!!!!!!!!!!!

Charlie??

LOL did you fall asleep







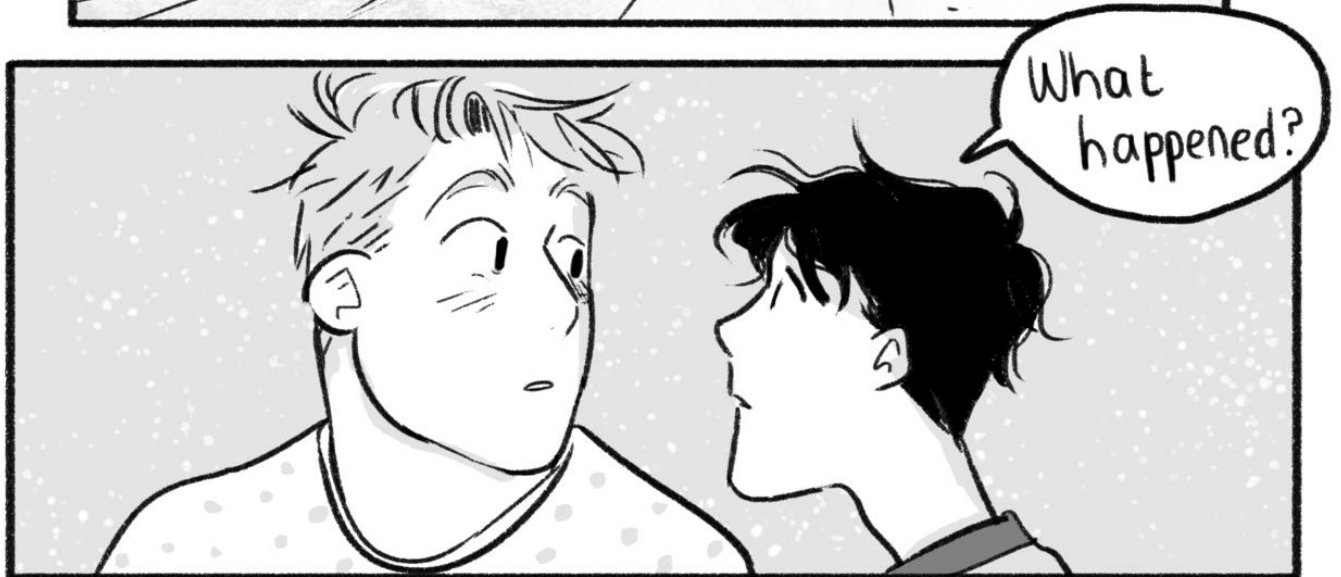
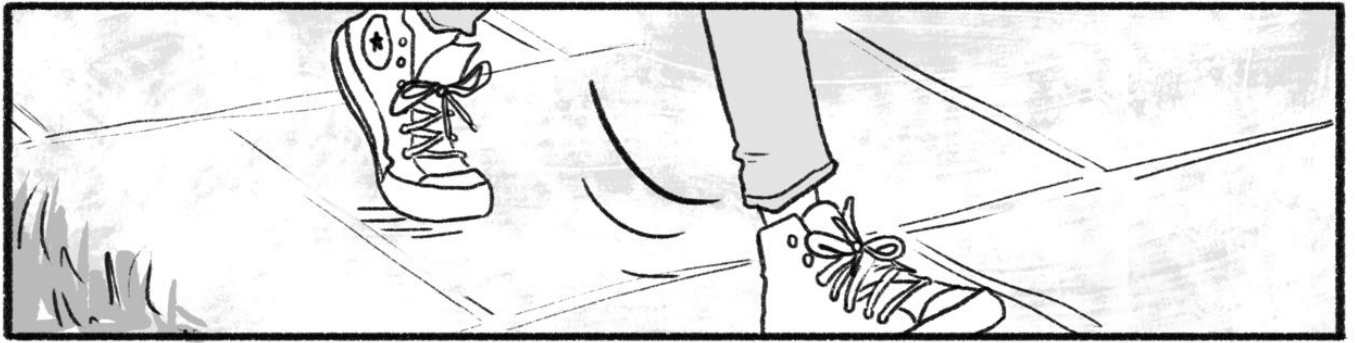
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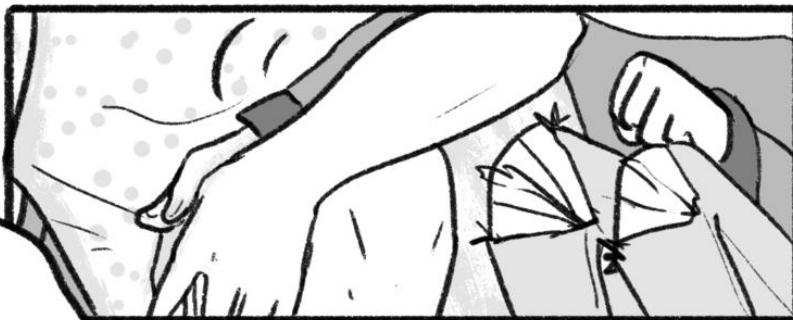




So, I kind of got in a fight with Harry.



When you left and I got back to the group, he started saying a lot of shitty things about you. And I just lost it and... I punched him.



Oh...

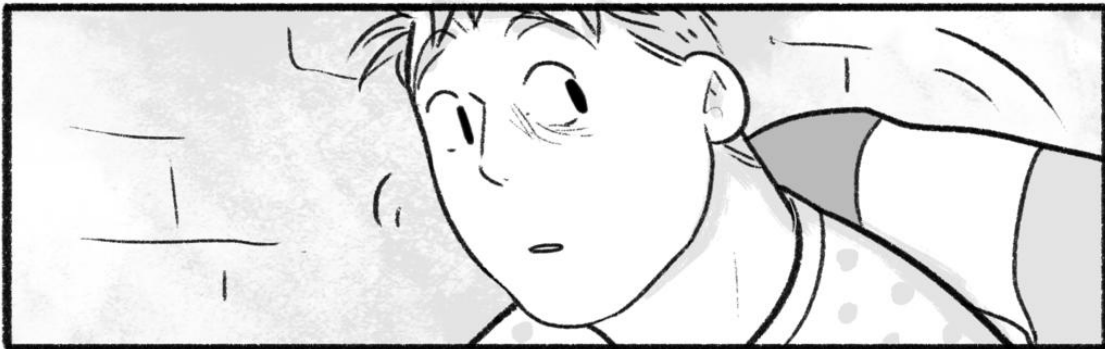
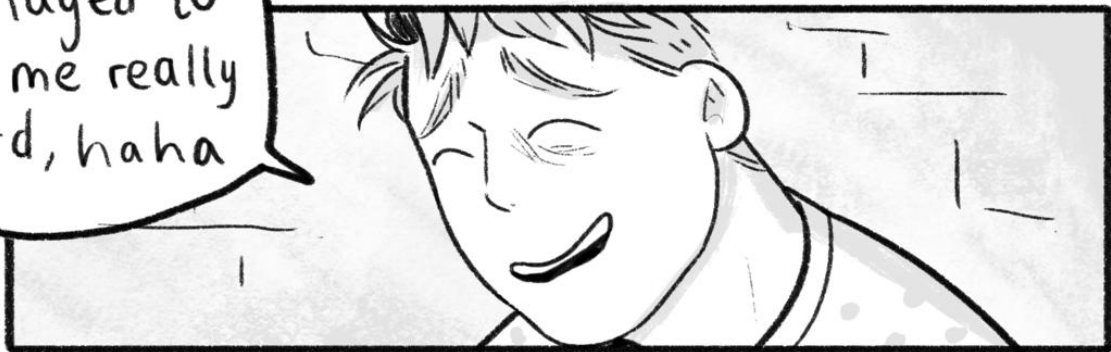
Nick...



But, like, I immediately regretted it and stopped. And that's when he punched me.

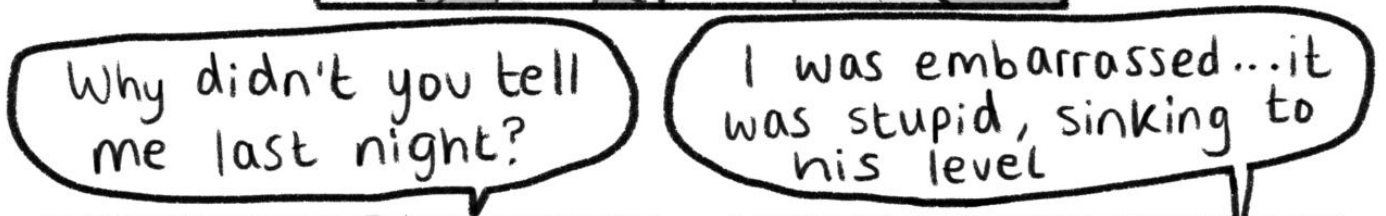


I guess he managed to hit me really hard, haha



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As much as I hate seeing you get hurt,



Harry really deserved a proper punch in the face



Hahaha!!
You are SUCH
a Slytherin!

And you're
100%.
Gryffindor!





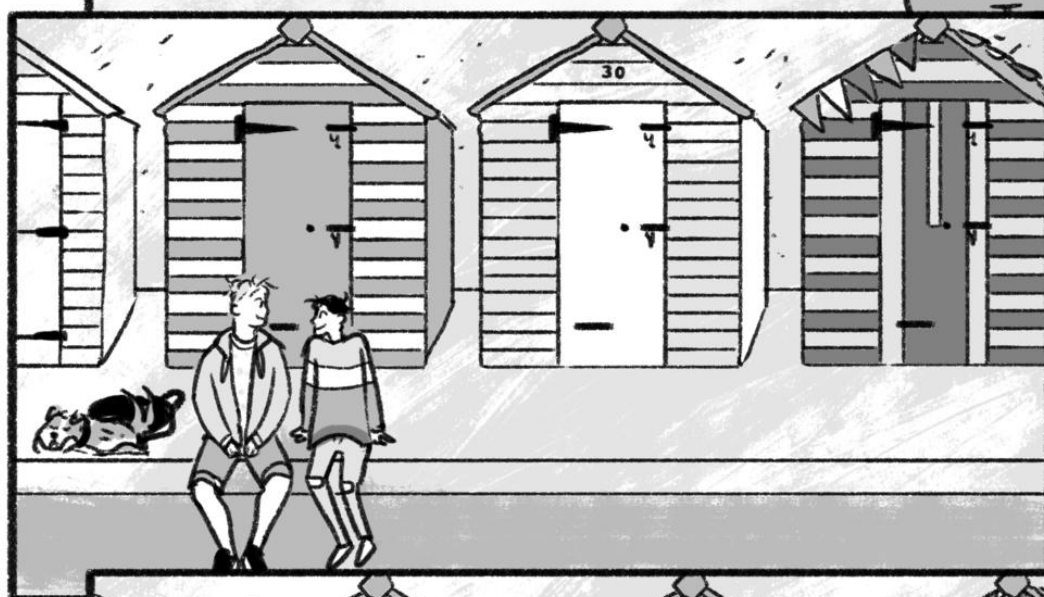


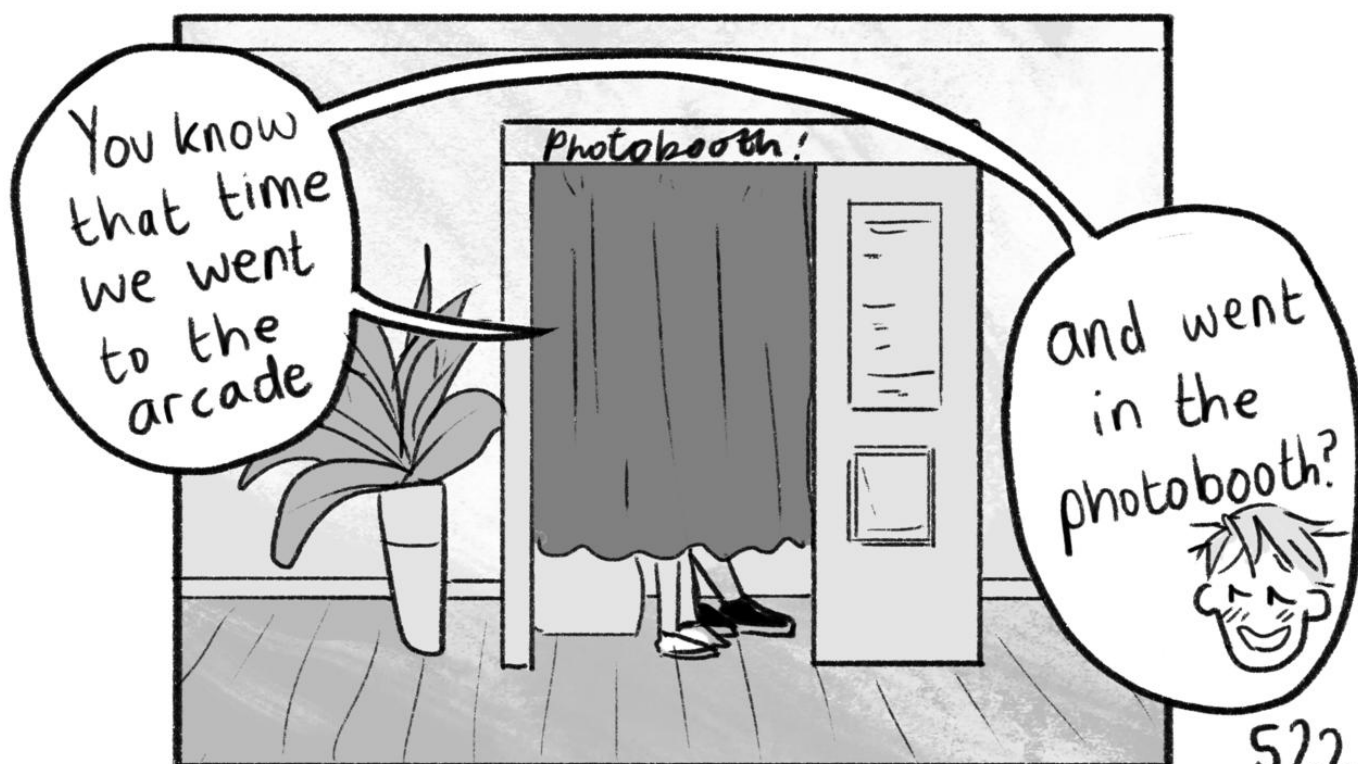


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I wanted to
kiss you so bad
when that
happened

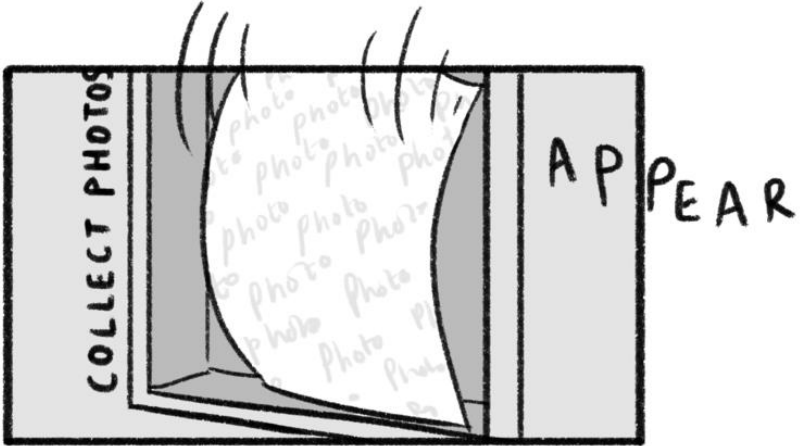


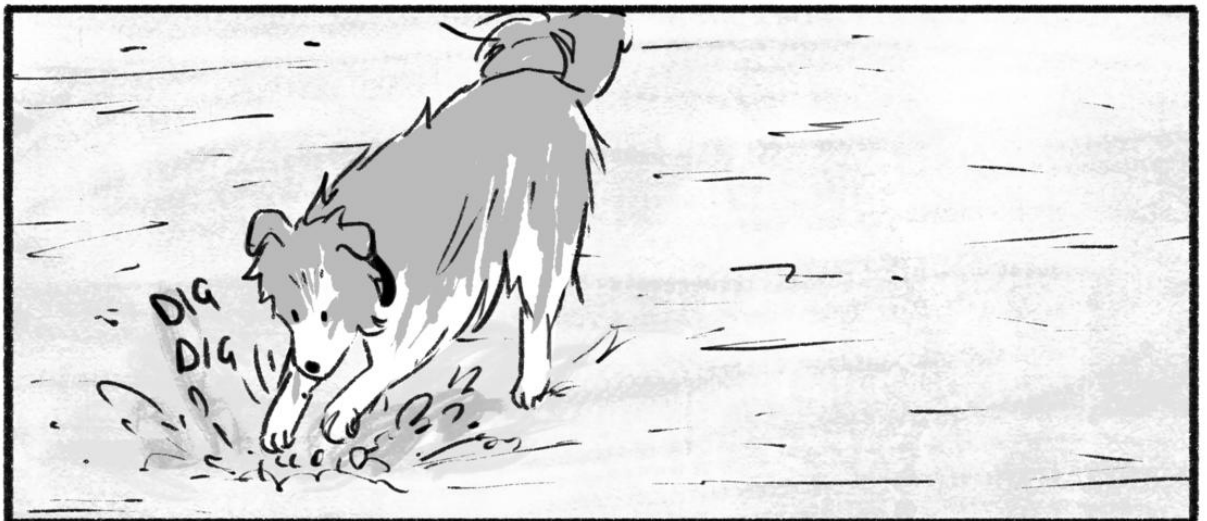
me
too

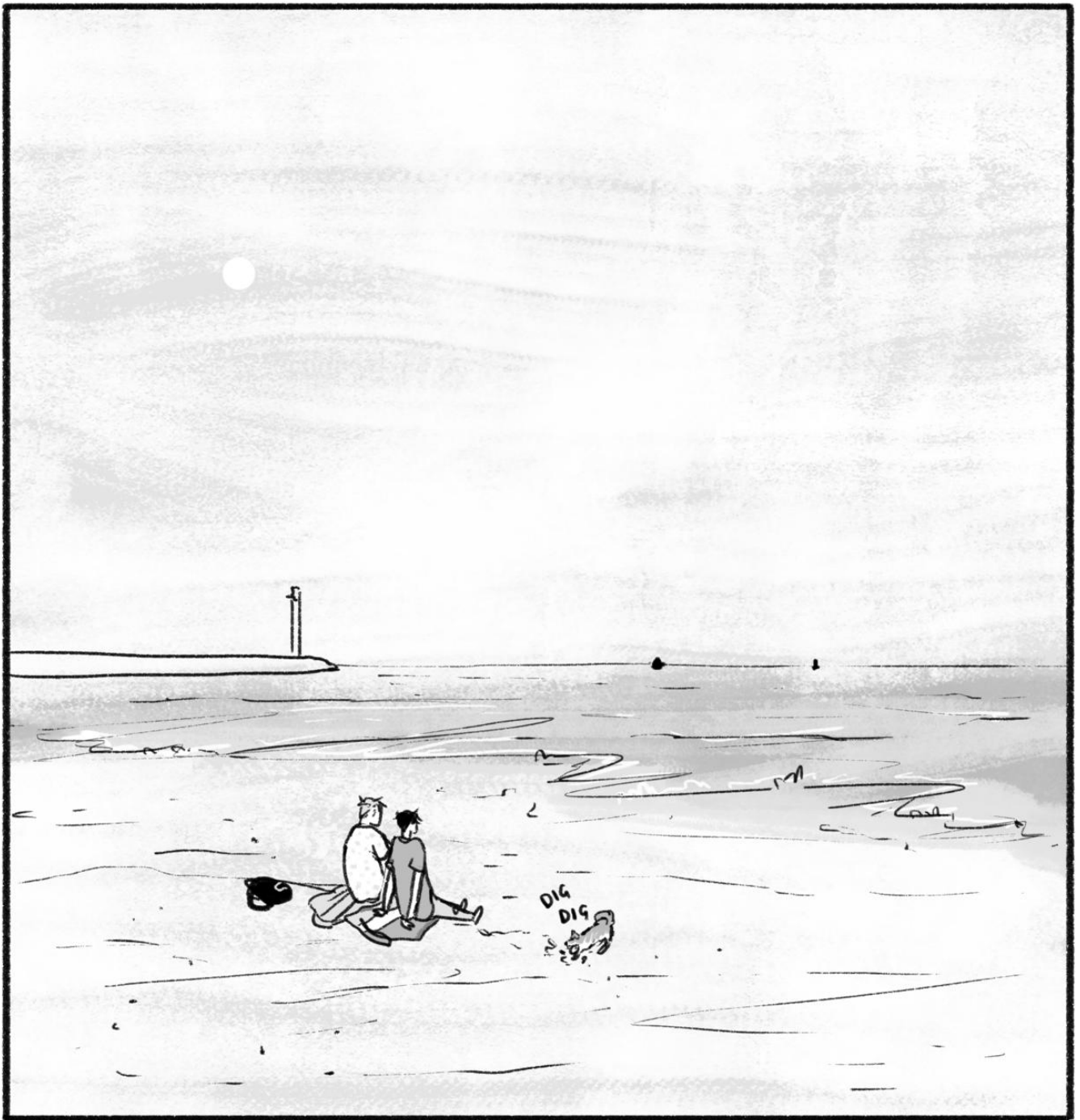




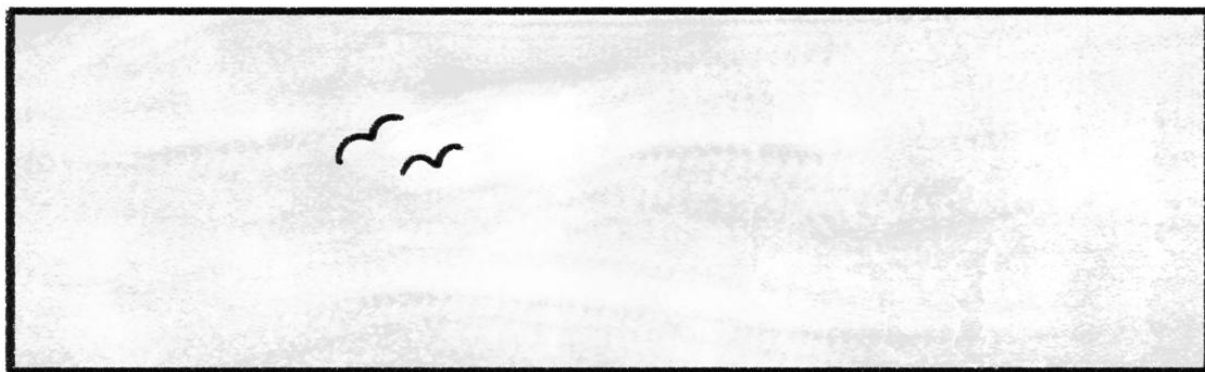
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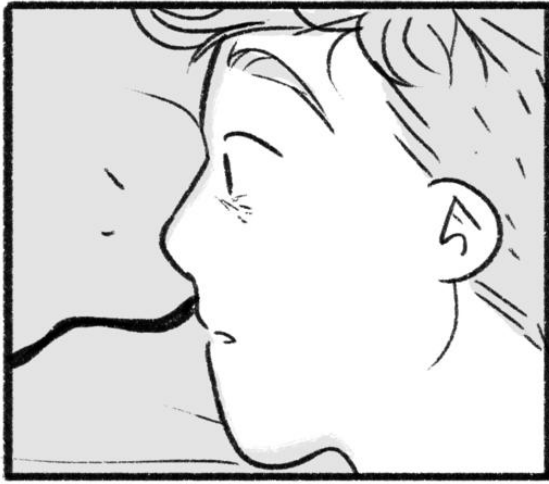
Yesterday...

you said you didn't
want me to cover
for you anymore...

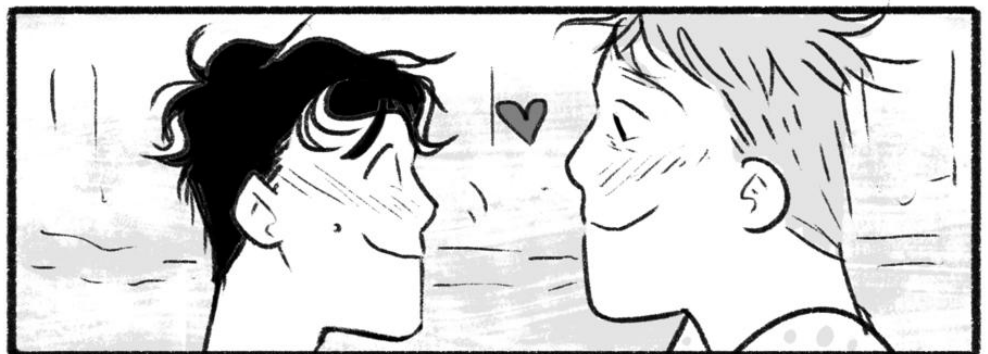
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Does that mean you
want to come out?

















I never thought this would happen to me



Oh
char...

me
neither

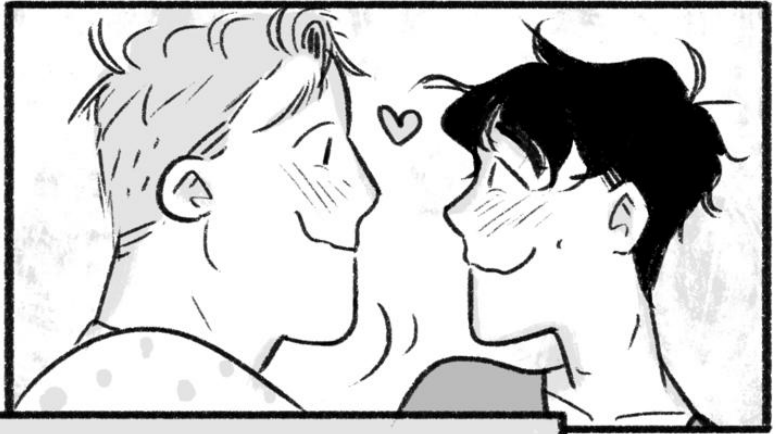




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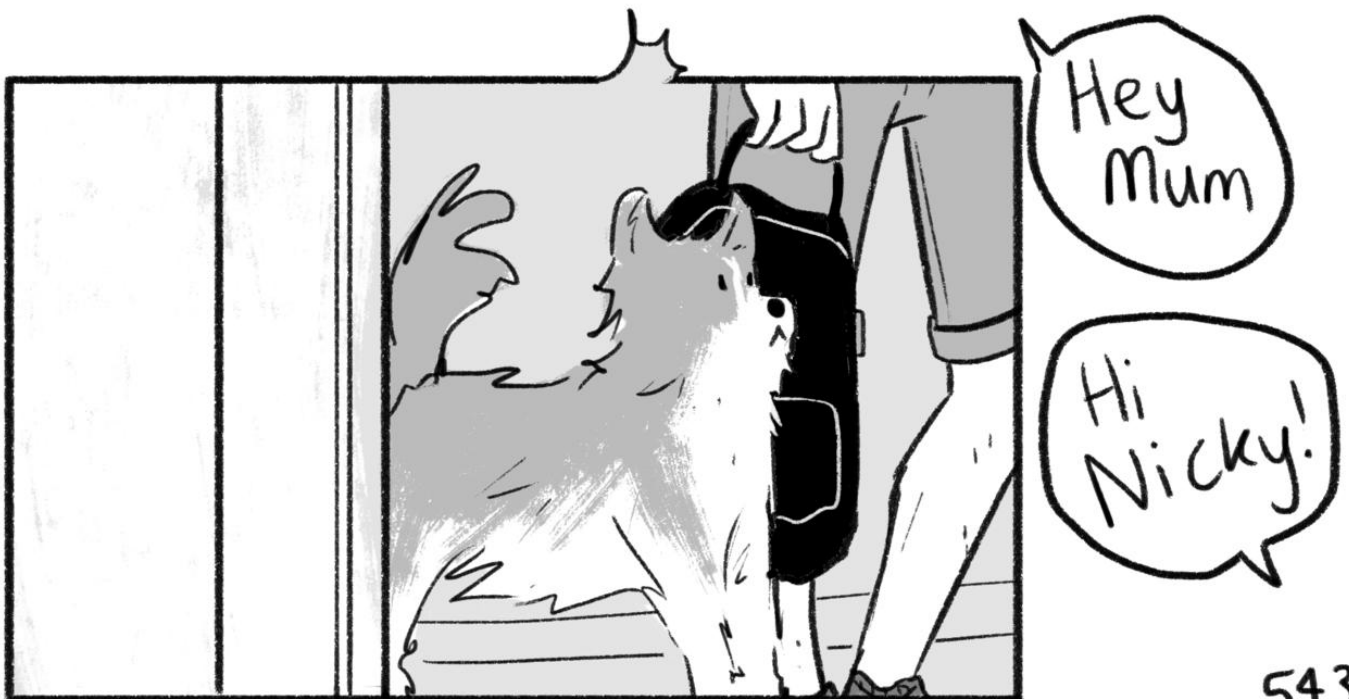
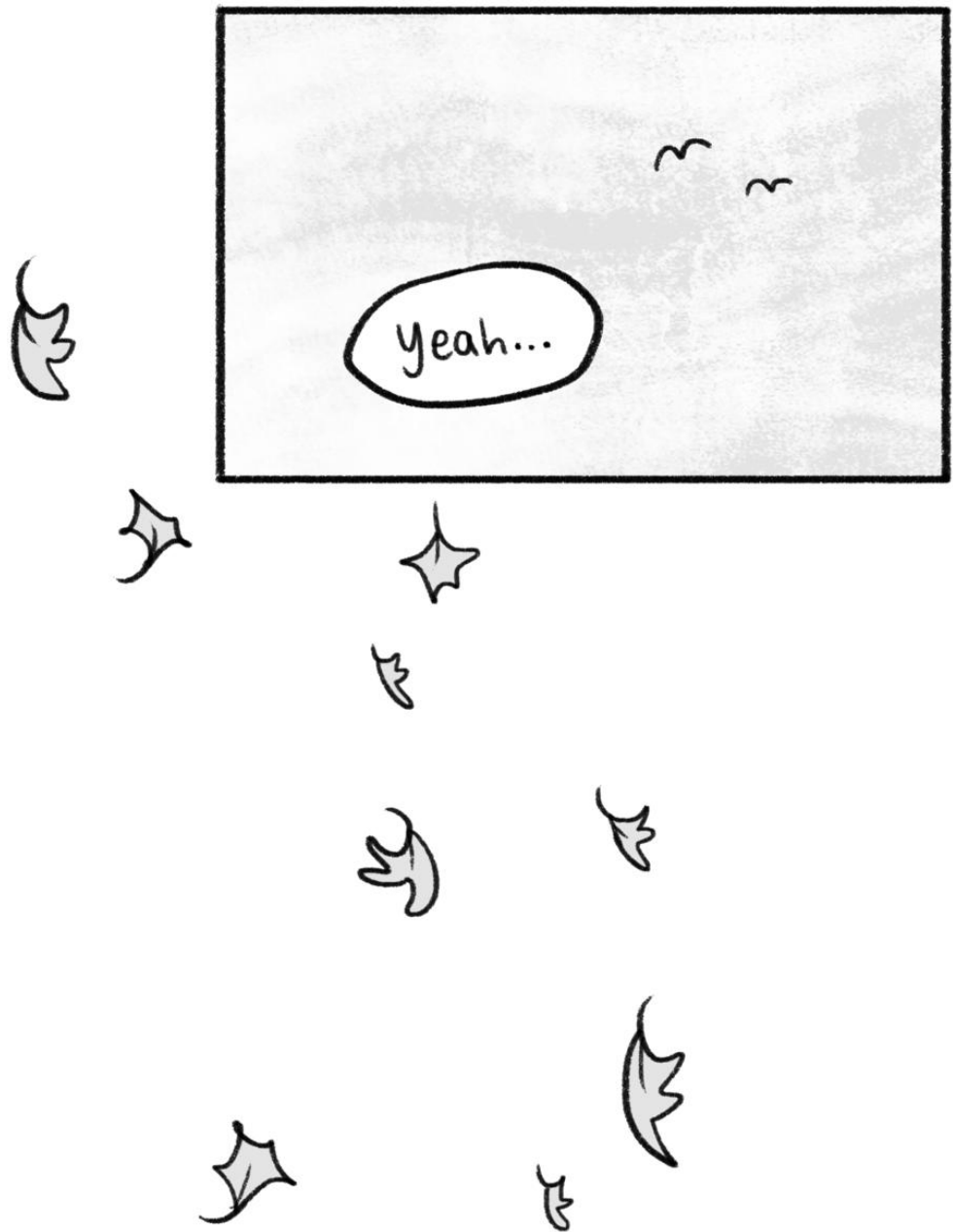




WE'RE
BOYFRIENDS!!



















I- I still like girls, but... I like guys too, I think...



And Charlie, we're- we're going out



I wanted you to know

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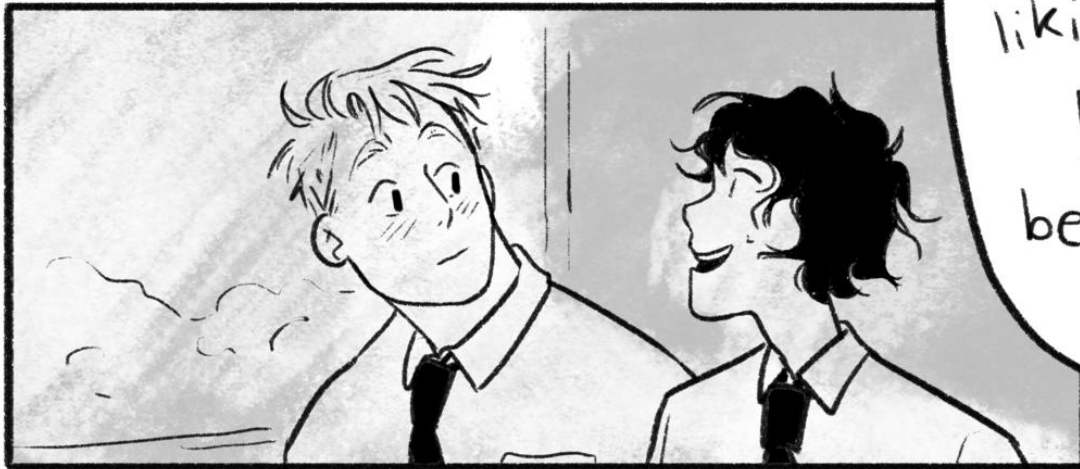








Well... me and Charlie
started going out, like,
a month and a half
ago...



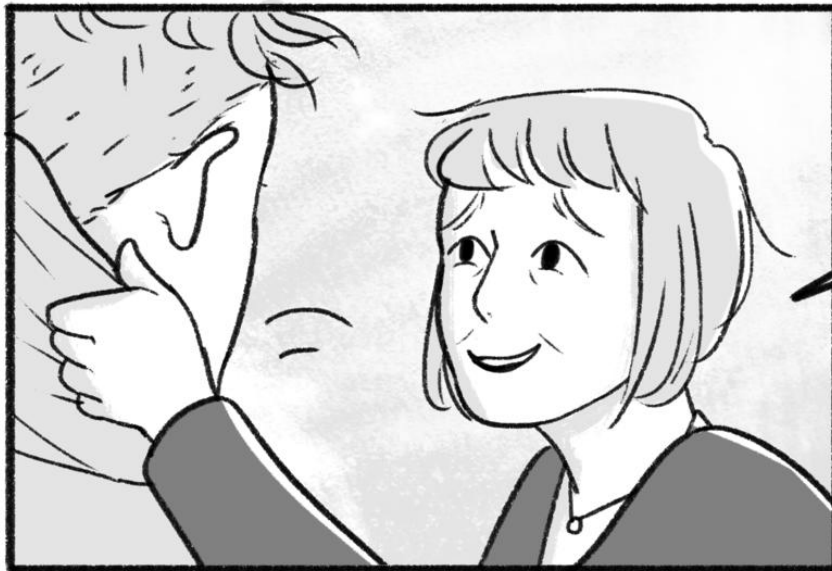
but I started
liking him
way
before
that...



Months
ago.

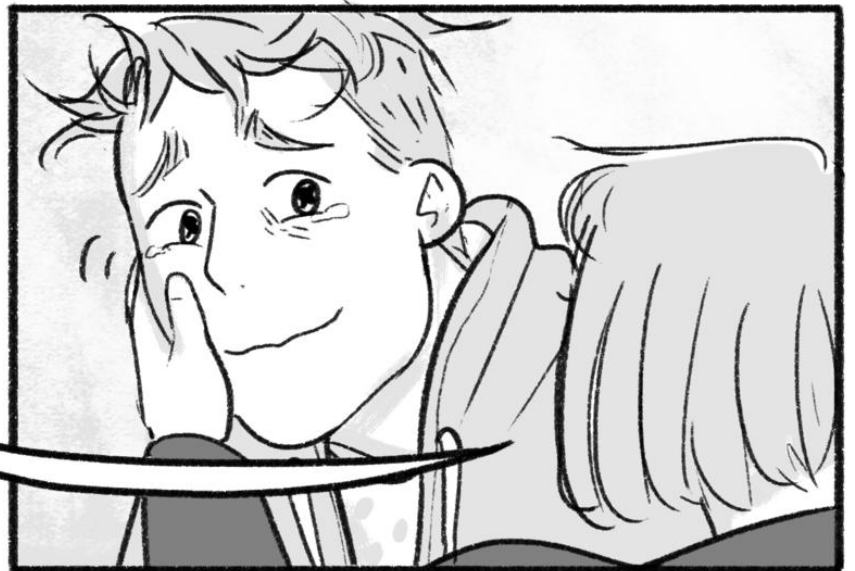


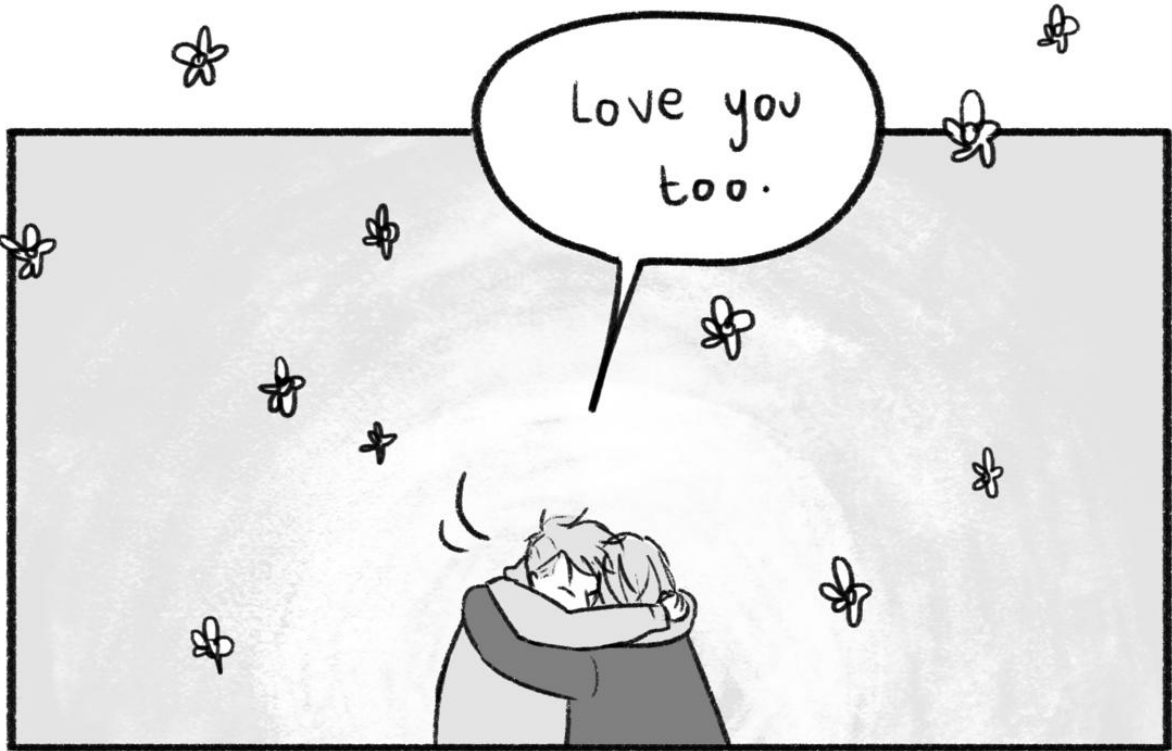




I love you,
Nicky.

I'm sorry I
ever made
you feel like
you couldn't
tell me that.







David got to
bring his
girlfriend last
year!!



Your brother
is four years
older than you
and they were
living together
at uni at the
time-



But Mvvvvvum...
I thought you
loved meeeeee...



SIGH
Nicholas...

